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## Searching For Answers

Ukrainian coal miners search the site of a crashed Malaysia Airlines passenger plane near the village of Rozsypne, Ukraine, eastern Ukraine, Friday, July 18, 2014. Rescue workers, policemen and off-duty coal miners were combing a sprawling area in eastern Ukraine near the Russian border where the Malaysian plane ended up in burning pieces Thursday, killing all 298 aboard.

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

## Credible Probe Sought In Malaysian Jet Tragedy

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Associated Press**

**ROZSYONE, Ukraine (AP) —** World leaders demanded Friday that pro-Russia rebels who control the eastern Ukraine crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 give immediate, unfettered access to independent inves-

tigators to determine who shot down the plane. At an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council, the U.S. pointed blame at the separatists, saying Washington believes the jetliner carrying 298 people, including 80 children, likely was downed by an SA-11 missile, and "we can-

not rule out technical assistance from Russian personnel." Both the White House and the Kremlin called for peace talks in the conflict between Ukrainian government forces and Russian-speaking separatists who seek closer ties to Moscow. Heavy fighting was report-

ed less than 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the crash site, with an estimated 20 civilians reported killed. Emergency workers and local coal miners recovered bodies from grasslands and fields of sunflowers, where the wreckage of the Boeing 777 fell Thursday. About 30 officials, mostly

from the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, arrived at the crash site between the villages of Rozsypne and Hrabove, about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the Russian border.

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The rebels allowed the team to perform a very partial and superficial inspection. While the delegation was leaving under orders from the armed overseers, two Ukrainian members lingered to look at a fragment of the plane by a roadside, only for a militiaman to fire a warning shot in the air with his Kalashnikov.

The dead passengers were from nearly a dozen nations — including vacationers, students and a contingent of scientists heading to an

for an international investigation. "We ask all respective governments ... to support the Ukrainian government to bring to justice all these bastards who committed this international crime," he said.

All sides in the conflict — the Ukrainian government, the pro-Russia rebels they are fighting and the Russian government that Ukraine accuses of supporting the rebels — denied shooting down the plane. Moscow also denies backing the rebels.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov dismissed accusations that Moscow could

separatists were spotted hours before the incident with an SA-11 SAM system close to the site where the plane came down.

"Separatists initially claimed responsibility for shooting down a military transport plane, and claimed responsibility and posted videos that are now being connected to the Malaysian Airlines crash," Power said. "Separatist leaders also boasted on social media about shooting down a plane, but later deleted these messages."

"Because of the technical complexity of the SA-11, it is unlikely that the separat-



**Representatives from the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) delegation arrive, centre, as Pro-Russia fighters provide security, at the crash site of a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet near the village of Hrabove, eastern Ukraine, Friday, July 18, 2014. Representatives from OSCE and four Ukrainian experts have traveled into rebel-controlled areas to begin an investigation into the downing of the Malaysia Airlines plane on Wednesday and the deaths of all its passengers and crew.**

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

AIDS conference in Australia — when the plane was shot down Thursday while flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur.

President Barack Obama, disclosing that one American was among those killed, called it "a global tragedy."

"An Asian airliner was destroyed in European skies filled with citizens from many countries, so there has to be a credible international investigation into what happened," he said. In Kiev, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk vented his anger in calling

be behind the attack.

"Regarding those claims from Kiev that we allegedly did it ourselves: I have not heard a truthful statement from Kiev for months," he told the Rossiya 24 television channel.

At the Security Council, U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power said the missile was likely fired from a rebel-held area near the Russian border.

Power said that early Thursday, a journalist saw an SA-11 system — known in Russia as a Buk missile system — in separatist-controlled territory near Snizhne, "and

ists could effectively operate the system without assistance from knowledgeable personnel. Thus, we cannot rule out technical assistance from Russian personnel in operating the systems," she said.

Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin did not respond to the U.S. allegations.

Ukraine's Interior Ministry released a video purporting to show a truck carrying the Buk missile launcher it said was used to fire on the plane with one of its four missiles missing. There was no way to independently verify the video. □

## What we know, and don't, 1 day after Ukraine crash

**JOHN DAHLBURG**

**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — One day after the crash of a Malaysian jetliner carrying 298 people in eastern Ukraine, here's what is known, and what has been claimed:

### THE CAUSE

U.S. officials and an adviser to Ukraine's interior minister have said a surface-to-air missile brought down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 as it flew Thursday from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. All 298 people aboard died. U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power told the U.N. Security Council in New York on Friday the missile was likely fired from a rebel-held area near the Russian border. Independent aviation experts have agreed a missile was the likely cause, but so far, there's been no proof. Ukraine's government, the pro-Russia rebels who oppose it and Russia have all denied shooting down the passenger plane. The official investigation into the crash and its cause has only begun.

### THE "BLACK BOXES"

The whereabouts of the plane's flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder remained unknown Friday. The rebels gave conflicting reports about whether they had found them. Russia's foreign minister said his country had no intention of acquiring them and that they should be given to international aviation organizations. Some experts in air accident investigations said the boxes' contents could be key to establishing what happened to the Boeing 777 in the moments before it crashed.

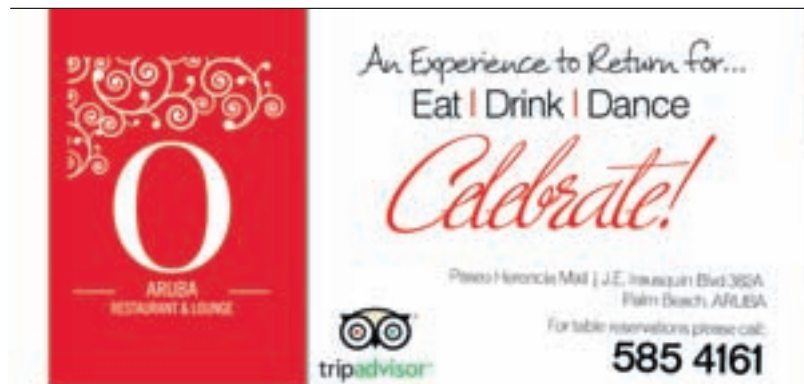
### THE INVESTIGATION

According to international civil aviation regulations, Ukraine should take the lead in investigating an air crash on its territory. Ukraine has called for an international probe, and the United States has offered to assist. But access to the site in rebel-held lands 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the Russian border remained difficult and dangerous Friday. A spokeswoman for Ukraine's emergency services accused rebel militiamen of interfering with recovery operations.

### THE VICTIMS

By midday, 181 bodies had been recovered, according to emergency workers. A Ukraine Foreign Ministry official said remains of the dead would be taken to government-controlled Kharkiv for identification. Andrei Purgin, a leader of the pro-Russian separatists, said the bodies will be taken to the Black Sea city of Mariupol, also controlled by the government. Malaysia Airlines and relevant governments said the passengers included 192 Dutch, 29 Malaysians, 28 Australians, 12 Indonesians, 10 Britons, four Germans, four Belgians, three Vietnamese, three Filipinos and one person each from the U.S., Canada, New Zealand and Hong Kong. These likely include some with dual nationalities. Some passengers were researchers and activists heading to an AIDS conference in Australia, news that sparked an outpouring of grief across the scientific community. Among them were the well-known Dutch researcher and former president of the International AIDS Society, Joep Lange, and World Health Organization spokesman Glenn Thomas, based in Geneva. Malaysia Airlines regional VP Huib Gorter told reporters at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport the carrier was making an initial payment of \$5,000 to families of all victims to cover immediate costs. □





## Flow of child immigrants at border slowing for now

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The flood of children crossing the Mexican border illegally and without their parents has slowed down in recent weeks, two senior Obama administration officials said Friday.

Border Patrol agents in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas have found fewer than 500 children crossing the border illegally this week, the officials said. Last month, agents arrested as many as 2,000 child immigrants a week.

The Obama administration has been struggling to deal with a flood of more than 57,000 children traveling alone since Oct. 1. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said earlier this month that as many as 90,000 unaccompanied child immigrants could be apprehended by the end of the budget year in September. Most of the children are from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

The volume of child immigrants has significantly taxed resources at the Homeland Security and Health and Human Services departments in recent months and prompted President Barack Obama to ask Congress to approve an emergency \$3.7 billion spending bill to deal with the situation he has called an "urgent humanitarian crisis."

The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the latest trends in border arrests, said Friday it's too soon to know what has led to drop in border arrests. They said illegal border crossings along the Mexican border tend to slow during the summer.

Customs and Border Protection has launched a

public relations campaign to warn would-be immigrants and their families in Central America that the trip to the U.S. border is

dangerous and immigrant children will face deportation after they are apprehended. But since the trip through Mexico can take

weeks or even months, recent border crossers are unlikely to have seen much of the campaign.

Obama is scheduled to

host a White House meeting with the presidents of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala next week to discuss the problem. □



Protesters gather outside the Mexican Consulate, Friday, July 18, 2014, in Austin, Texas. Prospects for action on the U.S.-Mexico border crisis faded Thursday as lawmakers traded accusations rather than solutions, raising chances that Congress will go into its summer recess without doing anything about the tens of thousands of migrant children streaming into South Texas.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

## Obama to sign orders protecting gay employees

**NEDRA PICKLER**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama plans to sign executive orders Monday prohibiting discrimination against gay and transgender workers in the U.S. government and its contracting agencies, without a new exemption that was requested by some religious organizations.

Obama's action comes on the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling in the Hobby Lobby case that allowed some religiously oriented businesses to opt out of the federal health care law's

requirement that contraception coverage be provided to workers at no extra charge. Senior administration officials said Friday that ruling has no impact on non-discrimination policies in federal hiring and contracting.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the plans publicly.

Since Obama announced last month that he would sign the orders, he's faced pressure from opposing flanks over the religious exemption and given no indication of where he would come down. Many religious leaders and con-

servative groups wanted him to exempt religious organizations from the order, while liberal clergy and gay advocacy groups adamantly opposed such an exemption.

Until last month, Obama long resisted pressure to pursue an executive order for federal contractors in hopes that Congress would take more sweeping action banning anti-gay workplace discrimination nationwide. A bill to accomplish that goal — the Employment Non-Discrimination Act — passed the Senate last year with some Republican support, but has not been taken up by

the Republican-controlled House.

The senior officials said Obama's action planned for Monday at the White House would amend two executive orders. The first, signed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965, prohibits federal contractors from discriminating based on race, religion, gender or nationality in hiring. Obama plans to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protections, and order the Labor Department to carry out the order. The officials said that means the change will probably take effect by early next year. □



# Cheers for Warren offer peek at Democrats' mindset

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**DETROIT** - Even before Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., entered the grand ballroom of the Cobo Center here Friday for a much-anticipated speech to hundreds of liberal activists, her admirers were handing out plastic boater hats, bumper stickers and lawn signs declaring, "Elizabeth Warren for President."

Warren has said repeatedly that she will not be a candidate in 2016. But her presence here at the annual Netroots Nation conference - and the absence of Hillary Rodham Clinton - offers a peek into the mindset of the Democratic Party's left wing.

Progressives like Clinton (and think she can win.) But they love Warren (even if they are not sure she can.)

On Friday, they let the love flow.

"Run, Liz, run!" the crowd

chanted as the senator took the stage. She tried to shush them, waving her arms and admonishing them like the teacher she once was: "Sit down,

trade deals that has become her trademark.

"They cheated American families, crashed the economy, got bailed out, and now the biggest banks

ounces of pot and goes to jail, but a big bank launders drug money and no one gets arrested. The game is rigged!" She went on: "Billionaires pay taxes at lower rates than their secretaries. How does this happen? It happens because they all have lobbyists. Lobbyist and Republican friends in Congress. Lobbyists and Republicans to protect every loophole and every privilege. The game is rigged, and it isn't right!"

The Netroots conference, the nation's largest gathering of liberal activists and organizers, is a natural base for Warren. A nascent group calling itself Ready for Warren - an obvious takeoff on "Ready for Hillary," the political action committee devoted to supporting a potential Clinton White House bid - was behind the hat and bumper sticker effort. It is not yet an official organization.

"We are just getting focused

on tapping into the grassroots momentum," said Erica Sagrans, its spokeswoman, who worked for President Barack Obama's campaign in 2012. She said she and a handful of like-minded Warren admirers had founded the Ready for Warren group after creating a Twitter feed and a Facebook group that attracted a surprisingly large following. The group launched a Ready4Warren website this week.

People here were all too happy to take the hats and the bumper stickers.

"Elizabeth Warren tells it like it is," said Marcia Riquelme, co-chairwoman of the DeForest Area Progressives, a group in her home state of Wisconsin, who sported a "Corporations Are Not People" button on her lapel.

As for Clinton, she said: "I appreciate Hillary. But I know that Elizabeth Warren has a perspective that is probably healthier. □



**Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) addresses the Netroots Nation conference in Detroit, July 18, 2014. Chants of "Run, Liz, Run!" echoed through this large yearly conference of progressives -- which Hillary Rodham Clinton declined to attend -- but Warren has repeatedly said she won't be a candidate in 2016.**

(Tim Galloway/The New York Times)

people. Come on, let's get started." Then she launched into the sort of blistering populist assault on corporations, Republicans, banks, lobbyists and

are even bigger than they were when they got too big to fail in 2008!" Warren thundered, in one of her many applause lines. "A kid gets caught with a few

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## Court rules for gay marriage in Oklahoma case

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Associated Press

**DENVER (AP)**—An appeals court on Friday ruled the state of Oklahoma must allow gay couples to wed, marking the second time it has found the U.S. Constitution protects same-sex marriage.

The decision from a three-judge panel in Denver upholds rulings that struck down Oklahoma's gay marriage ban.

The 2-1 ruling comes after the same panel ruled June 25 that the state of Utah's ban on same-sex marriage violates the Constitution. It was the first time an appellate court determined last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down the Defense of Marriage Act means states cannot deny gays the ability to wed.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel put its Oklahoma and Utah rulings on hold pending an appeal. Utah's attorney general has said he plans to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Gay marriage in the two states will remain on hold. Still, the decisions give increased momentum to a legal cause that has compiled an impressive string of lower court victories. More than 20 courts have issued rulings siding with gay marriage advocates since the Supreme Court's DOMA ruling in June 2013. The rulings have come in 17 states, with Florida being the latest.

Two of the most striking of those decisions were in conservative Utah and Oklahoma, which saw their voter-approved gay marriage bans struck down in December and January, respectively. In Utah, more than 1,000 same-sex couples married before the Supreme Court issued a stay. It's unclear whether the two cases will be the first to reach the Supreme Court. The high court could choose from cases moving through five other federal appellate courts, and it won't consider a case until next year at the earliest. □

## Staten Island:

# Man dies after put in chokehold during arrest

JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN

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**NEW YORK** - The New York Police Department has launched an internal investigation into the death of a 43-year-old man whose final moments were captured in a video in which he can be heard gasping "I can't breathe" over and over again after an officer is seen placing him in a chokehold, officials said.

The man, Eric Garner, died Thursday afternoon as plainclothes officers tried to take him into custody on a Staten Island street on charges of selling cigarettes, according to an account the police have released. A video, posted on the website of The New York Daily News, shows an argument of mounting intensity as Garner quarrels with a plainclothes officer about whether he would be arrested or not.

One officer, in a T-shirt and shorts, accuses him of selling cigarettes. "I watched you," he said, to which Garner replies, "I didn't do nothing," and tells the officer, "Please just leave me alone." "Every time you see me, you want to harass me, you want to stop me," said Garner, who had been arrested on about 30 occasions, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The video, apparently re-

corded by a bystander who watched the scene unfold on Bay Street in the Tompkinsville neighborhood, shows two officers standing near Garner, a towering man who weighed more than 300 pounds. The video cuts out for a time. Then one plainclothes officer, who had been standing in the



**Community members join hands in memory of Eric Garner, who died in police custody the day before, in the Staten Island borough of New York, July 18, 2014. Video taken by a bystander shows Garner stopped by officers for selling cigarettes on the street, then brought down by a chokehold -- practice forbidden by NYPD regulations.**

(Robert Stolarik/The New York Times)

background as Garner argued with the other officer, suddenly moves in, placing his arm around Garner's throat and pulling him back against a storefront window before bringing him to the ground.

Garner can be seen in the video crawling forward, as the officer hangs on, with his arm around Garner's throat. Other officers surround Garner as well.

Garner can be heard stating, "I can't breathe," over and over again. The officer releases Garner's throat and, kneeling, presses Garner's head into the sidewalk. Soon a voice captured on the video can be heard saying, "Something's wrong with him." Garner cannot be seen moving in the video. Because of

intake of air."

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It has been many years since the police's use of chokeholds created controversy in New York City. In 1994 a security guard, Anthony Baez, died in the Bronx after a police officer put him in a chokehold during a dispute over a touch-football game. After the officer, Francis X. Livoti, was acquitted in state court on homicide charges, he was found guilty in federal court and served a seven-year sentence for violating Baez's civil rights.

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The Police Department's chief spokesman, Stephen P. Davis, did not return messages seeking comment.

The office of the Staten Island district attorney, Daniel M. Donovan, is also involved in the inquiry.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, in a statement Friday, said, "We are harnessing all resources available to the city to ensure a full and thorough investigation of the circumstances of this tragic incident."

The Civilian Complaint Review Board, an outside agency that investigates allegations of police abuse, received 233 allegations involving chokeholds in 2013, making up slightly more than 4 percent of the overall complaints it received involving excessive force. □

## Canadian tour bus rolls over in New York; 1 dead

MICHAEL VIRTANEN

Associated Press

**NORTH HUDSON, New York (AP)**—A Canadian tour bus carrying 56 people rolled over Friday in upstate New York, killing a teenage girl and seriously injuring several other people, police said.

The Canadian teenager was partially ejected from the bus and pinned underneath it at about 8 a.m. on Interstate 87, also known as the Adirondack Northway. Chelssy Mercier, 14, of Quebec had been traveling with her mother on the bus from Trois Rivières, Quebec, to

New York City, said State Police Maj. Richard Smith. A passenger airlifted from the scene was among several who suffered serious injuries. The Canadian passengers, who ranged in age from 6 to 54, suffered injuries that included broken bones and cuts, though none appeared to be life-threatening, Smith said.

The cause remains under investigation.

There was no apparent sign that the 61-year-old driver skidded before the bus broke through a guard rail, fell on its side and slid down a grassy

hill in the median about 90 miles (145 kilometers) north of Albany.

Smith said the unidentified driver had passed inspections in two states in the past year. He was being interviewed by police, who also were deposing each passenger.

Most of the passengers climbed through the shattered windshield and some got out through an emergency hatch in the roof, Smith said. Two Canadian families traveling behind the bus pulled over immediately to help. "Each family risked their own safety, traveled into

the median and did everything they could to assist at the scene, including attempting to lift the bus off our deceased, by helping with CPR and they remained for a significant period of time afterward to help in our investigation," Smith said.

Josiane Grimard of JaimonVoyage.com, the tour operator, said the vehicle was owned by a subcontractor, Fleur de Lys. The subcontractor did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Ten local rescue squads responded to the scene. □



## Washington State: Hopeful steps forward after landslide

KIRK JOHNSON

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**DARRINGTON, Wash.** - The Miller family's bluegrass band, Blueberry Hill, has deep roots in this little mountain town on the edge of the Oso landslide, which killed more than 40 people in late March in a few shattering seconds of geological upheaval. Aida Miller, 19, who sings and plays the mandolin, and her brother, Forrest, 17, a banjo player, were both born here.

So the Millers came back after the disaster, and they were playing a free concert for exhausted emergency responders at the

response and the aftermath - especially the three months when Darrington was cut off from its southern access route, Highway 530, by millions of tons of debris - questions about the future hung like the point of a knife. Would the summer tourism season, crucial to carrying the region through the lean winter months, fall short and take this isolated town of 1,400 people down with it? Would visitors be scared away by reports of devastation?

So far, town leaders, residents and business owners say, the news is encouraging.

The 38th annual Bluegrass

actions has swept through town in the last few months, with homes and commercial properties - some of them long boarded up - changing hands. This has prompted hopes that new residents or entrepreneurs have discovered the area's charms, though some worry that speculators or absentee landlords are just buying at the bottom.

The Darrington Timberbowl Rodeo, canceled last year because the ramshackle bleachers were deemed unsafe, was reborn thanks to \$25,000 in state money for repairs, and it drew a packed house.

Ernestine Jones, 82, a vol-



**A group of people watch a turtle swim to the ocean after rehabilitation in Jacksonville, Fla. The Obama Administration is opening the Eastern Seaboard to offshore oil exploration for the first time in decades. The announcement made Friday, July 18, 2014, also approved the use of sonic cannons to map the ocean floor to identify new oil and gas deposits in federal waters from Florida to Delaware. The sonic cannons pose real dangers for whales, fish and sea turtles.**

(AP Photo/Bob Mack)



**A memorial tree left standing in the path of the fatal landslide near Darrington, Wash., in July, 2014. Many here feared the worst for the local economy, but Darrington has seen promising signs of recovery, with tickets for an upcoming bluegrass festival selling strongly and a number of local businesses starting up.**

(Ian C. Bates/The New York Times)

downtown command center a few miles from the slide when a friend came over and whispered that a call had come in: Their house, far from the slide, had caught fire.

"There was nothing we could do," said Kevin Miller, Aida's and Forrest's father, as he paused, guitar on his lap, during a rehearsal at the campground for the Darrington Bluegrass Festival, which is this weekend. The fire destroyed nearly everything the family owned. "We just kept on playing," Miller said.

That could be Darrington's motto.

Through the landslide, the

Festival, where the Millers will perform Friday and Sunday on a roster of local and national bands, is the barometer of the moment. Advance ticket sales for the three-day event, which typically draws 9,000 to 10,000 people to an outdoor stage at the foot of Whitehorse Mountain, were down about 15 percent earlier this month, but a late surge brought them back to last year's levels. The all-important day-tripper traffic from Seattle, 75 miles southwest, cannot be predicted.

Other economic indicators have improved, too. A ripple of real-estate trans-

unteer at the Bluegrass Festival who has fielded calls from around the country, said some prospective visitors had told her they were worried about the slide or fearful that another might happen. But others said they were coming with a purpose, specifically wanting to help.

"One gentleman said, 'I intend to come and drop some cash in your little town,'" said Jones, whose family came to Darrington in the 1940s from North Carolina, mostly as loggers, and helped start the bluegrass scene, playing the hill country music they had known back home.

## Obama opens East Coast to oil search

JASON DEAREN

Associated Press

**ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, Florida (AP)** — The U.S. Eastern Seaboard is being opened to offshore oil and gas exploration for the first time in decades with the Obama administration's approval Friday of sonic cannons that can pinpoint energy deposits deep beneath the ocean floor.

The decision dismays environmentalists worried about the immediate impact of the sonic cannons, which shoot sound waves 100 times louder than a jet engine through waters shared by whales and turtles. Saving endangered species was their best hope of extending a ban against offshore drilling off the U.S. Atlantic coast. The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management disclosed its final approval first to The Associated Press ahead of an announcement later Friday.

The approval opens the outer continental shelf from Delaware to Florida to exploration by energy companies preparing to apply for drilling leases in 2018, when current congressional limits are set to expire. The bureau is moving ahead despite acknowledging that thousands of sea creatures will be harmed.

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"The bureau has identified a path forward that addresses the need to update the nearly four-decade-old data in the region while protecting marine life and cultural sites," acting BOEM Director Walter Cruickshank said in a statement. "The bureau's decision reflects a carefully analyzed and balanced approach that will allow us to increase our understanding of potential offshore resources while protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments."

The sonic cannons are already in use in the western Gulf of Mexico, off Alaska and other offshore oil operations around the world. They are towed behind boats, sending strong pulses of sound into the ocean every 10 seconds or so. The pulses reverberate beneath the sea floor and bounce back to the surface, where they are measured by hydrophones. Computers then translate the data into high resolution, three-dimensional images.

"It's like a sonogram of the Earth," said Andy Radford, a petroleum engineer at the American Petroleum Institute, an oil and gas trade association in Washington, D.C.

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## US Financial Front:

# Gauge of US economy rises 0.3 percent in June

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A gauge designed to predict the economy's future

accelerate in the second half of this year.

The Conference Board said Friday its index of leading indicators rose 0.3 percent

a bit stronger than first estimated.

The economy shrank sharply in the first three months of the year, reflect-

strengthen in the second half of this year.

Conference Board economist Ken Goldstein said that stronger consumer demand driven by sustained job gains remained "the main source of improvement for the U.S. economy."

The unemployment rate fell to a nearly six-year low of 6.1 percent in June as employers added 288,000 new jobs, marking the fifth straight monthly gain above 200,000. That is the best stretch of job growth since the tech boom of the late 1990s.

A second report Friday showed that the University of Michigan's measure of consumer confidence dipped slightly in July to a preliminary reading of 81.3, down from 82.5 in June.

Paul Diggie, U.S. economist at Capital Economics, attributed the small decline to higher gasoline prices which he said offset the strong gains recorded in

the stock market and solid growth in employment.

The leading economic index is composed of 10 forward-pointing indicators. For June, six of the 10 indicators showed gains with the positive contributions including interest rates, credit availability and stock prices. The biggest drag on the index was a fall in applications for permits to build new homes and apartments.

Conference Board analysts said that the weakness in housing represented some risk to the outlook for stronger growth but they predicted this would be offset by continued favorable conditions in the labor market. Many economists believe that the economy, after shrinking at an annual rate of 2.9 percent in the January-March quarter, rebounded to growth close to 3 percent in the April-June quarter and will strengthen further in the second half of 2014. □



Construction worker Vinny Chase climbs out of a pit during a sewer and water line project in Philadelphia. The Conference Board reported on its index of leading economic indicators for June on Friday, July 18, 2014.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

health increased in June for a fifth consecutive month, supporting the view that economic growth should

last month. That was slightly lower than forecast but the May increase was revised up to a 0.7 percent gain,

ing the effects of a harsh winter, but economists say a rebound began in the April-June quarter and will

## At a Glance: US states job creation

**The Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Since the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009, the U.S. economy has generated 7.8 million jobs. But the gains haven't been spread evenly across the country.

Some states have boomed. Others have struggled to add jobs.

North Dakota, benefiting from an oil and gas drilling boom, has created nearly 98,000 jobs over the past five years, a 27 percent increase -- by far the best in the country.

New Mexico, hard hit by federal spending cuts, is the only state that has lost

jobs since the recession ended.

State performance in job creation defies political categories. The big winners over the past five years include Republican-dominated red states such as Texas and Democratic-dominated blue ones such as California. Likewise, the laggards include red (Alabama, Arkansas) and blue (New Jersey, New Mexico) states.

The Labor Department released job figures for June on Friday, allowing an assessment of how states have done in this economic recovery.

Compared to May, 33

states added jobs and 17 lost them last month. The unemployment rate dropped in 22 states from May to June, rose in 14 and stayed the same in 14.

Mississippi and Rhode Island have the nation's highest unemployment rates, both at 7.9 percent. North Dakota has the lowest rate, at 2.7 percent.

The Great Recession, harshest since the 1930s, began in December 2007 and ended in June 2009. Most states still don't have as many jobs as they had when the recession started. All but New Mexico have more than they did when it ended five years ago. □



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# Falafel to go: Mideast food chains expand abroad

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**Associated Press**

**CALIFORNIA/DUBAI (AP)** —

The super-sized malls that dot Dubai and other Gulf Arab cities are stuffed with foreign restaurants, from Burger King and Subway to suburban sit-down staples like IHOP and Red Lobster. Mideast entrepreneurs who've taken on that international competition are now turning the tables, spreading restaurant chains serving local cuisine like falafel overseas and proving that the globalization of food isn't a one-way drive-thru lane.

A United Arab Emirates-based chain called Just Falafel opened its first branches in the United States and Canada last month. Started in Abu Dhabi in 2007, the privately owned company is pushing ahead with a rapid international rollout that has already brought its fried chickpea balls to Cairo, Istanbul and London.

It aims to expand from 52 branches to more than 900 in the years ahead, including new locations in Europe

and North America.

The company's enthusiastic British-Lebanese CEO, Fadi Malas, sees a big potential market for the com-

ber dip. He says he's not worried about consumers being scared off by a food many have never heard of, let alone tried.

first U.S. franchisee and plans to open three more branches by next year.

Shoaito sees a gap in the falafel market, which he

cent of his clientele is non-Arab, and the chain offers items like pepperoni pizza to reach a broader audience.

He credits the company's home of Dubai — with its cosmopolitan feel and Western-level standards — for helping fuel the growth. "Dubai is a city that ... pushes you to be perfect in every single step of the process," he said at a branch tucked amid newly built high-rises. "With the tourism that you have here, a lot of people might try to eat something they haven't tried before."

Premium date purveyor Bateel also sees potential in Europe. So too does Dubai hospitality company Jumeirah Group, which earlier this year opened a branch of its Asian-inspired The Noodle House chain in London's West End.

Bateel sells its sweet fruits — harvested from 160,000 Saudi palm trees — and other date-based products in boutiques similar to those of luxury chocolatiers.

It is increasingly building up its cafe business, where offerings like quiche, risotto and couscous draw inspiration from both East and West. It already has two shops in London, and recently opened a branch in Moscow.

"From the very beginning, we knew we wanted to have something that has potential to develop internationally. ... That's why we never made it a very ethnic, Arabic style," Managing Director Ata Atmar said. "You don't need to really be a European country to come up with a good concept."

Bateel plans to open several new branches in the Emirates and in the nearby Gulf countries of Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait over the next two years. It is also looking to expand in markets on the edges of Europe, such as Russia and Turkey, as well as in the Far East.

Darren Tristano, an analyst at Chicago-based food industry research firm Technomic. □



People dine at one of the branches of the Man'oushe Street restaurant in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Mideast entrepreneurs who have taken on international competition are now turning the tables, exporting local foods including falafel and premium dates overseas and proving that the globalization of food isn't a one-way drive-thru lane.

(AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

pany's wraps and other Mediterranean offerings, such as hummus and tzatziki, a yoghurt and cucum-

"It would be crazy to think that we'd all be eating sushi so casually 20 years ago," he said during an interview in one of his Dubai branches. "I think it will be silly not to assume that everybody will be consuming falafel sometime down the road, you know, as we consume sushi and everything else."

Just Falafel isn't afraid to innovate. Its more traditional Lebanese and Emirati offerings share menu space with Mexican, Japanese and Indian-themed sandwiches.

One of its latest creations — including beets and salsa — is the Californian, a nod to the launch of its first American outpost in the Bay Area town of Fremont. The company has deals to open more franchises in New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Texas and Los Angeles.

"Falafel is a world food now. ... We see ourselves to be the next Chipotle," said Kevin Shoaito, owner of the Fremont franchise. After more than two decades in the restaurant business, much of it at Olive Garden, he became Just Falafel's

described as dominated by mom-and-pop operations lacking consistency. He said the initial reaction to his store has been strong, drawing a diverse range of customers.

Another Emirati company serving up traditional Middle Eastern street food, Man'oushe Street, got its start in Dubai selling oven-baked flatbreads covered with cheese, thyme and sesame seeds, or minced meat.

With eight existing Dubai locations, founder and CEO Jihad El Eit plans to expand in the Middle East and Europe, opening the first four stores in Egypt and announcing a deal last month for 12 branches in the Gulf nation of Qatar. The company also reached a deal with Egyptian franchisee Wadi Degla — which also has a franchise deal with Just Falafel — that includes plans for 35 branches in the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, the first of which are expected to open later this year.

Like Just Falafel, Man'oushe Street doesn't only target Middle Eastern customers. El Eit estimates that 40 per-

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## Israel pushes in Gaza, expanding ground operation



An Israeli tank moves into position near Israel and Gaza border, Friday, July, 18, 2014. Israeli troops pushed deeper into Gaza on Friday to destroy rocket launching sites and tunnels, firing volleys of tank shells and clashing with Palestinian fighters in a high-stakes ground offensive meant to weaken the enclave's Hamas rulers. Israel launched the operation late Thursday, following a 10-day campaign of more than 2,000 air strikes against Gaza that had failed to halt relentless Hamas rocket fire on Israeli cities.

(AP Photo/Dusan Vranic)

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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— Israeli troops pushed into Gaza on Friday in a ground offensive that officials said could last up to two weeks as the prime minister ordered the military to prepare for a "significantly" wider campaign.

The assault raised risks of a bloodier conflict amid rising Palestinian civilian casualties and the first Israeli military death — and brought questions of how far Israel will go to cripple Gaza's Hamas rulers.

Officially, the goal remains to destroy a network of tunnels militants use to infiltrate Israel and attack civilians. In its first day on the ground in Gaza, the military said it took up positions beyond the border, encountered little resistance from Hamas fighters and made steady progress in destroying the tunnels. Military officials said the quick work means that within a day or two, Is-

raeli leaders may already have to decide whether to expand the operation.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had ordered the military to prepare for a "significant expansion" of the ground offensive.

"It is not possible to deal with tunnels only from the air. It needs to be done also from the ground," he told a special Cabinet meeting in Tel Aviv. "We chose to begin this operation after the other options were exhausted and with the understanding that without the operation, the price we will pay can be very high." Frustrated by Hamas' refusal to accept an Egyptian-brokered truce agreement and the failure of a 10-day campaign of more than 2,000 airstrikes to halt relentless rocket fire on Israeli cities, Israel launched a ground offensive it had previously been reticent to undertake to further weaken Hamas militarily.

With calls from Israeli hard-

liners to completely crush Hamas, it remains unclear how far Israel will go in an operation that has already seen 274 Palestinians killed in Gaza, a fifth of them children.

"It won't end that quickly," said Yitzhak Aharonovitch, Israel's minister of public security. "Anything can happen. If we need to keep going, we will keep going. We won't stop. We need quiet for the citizens of the south and the citizens of Israel." In a fresh effort to broker a truce, U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon was to leave Saturday for the Middle East to help mediate the Gaza conflict. Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Jeffrey Feltman said in New York. He spoke at a Security Council emergency meeting on the conflict Friday, adding that a ceasefire remains "indispensable" for urgently needed humanitarian efforts to succeed. The Israeli military said it had killed nearly 20 militants in exchanges of fire since the

ground offensive started on Thursday night.

Gaza health officials said more than 30 Palestinians have been killed since then, including three young siblings from the Abu Musallam family who were killed when a tank shell hit their home.

At the morgue, 11-year-old Ahmed's face was blackened by soot, and he and his 14-year-old sister, Walaa, and 16-year-old brother, Mohammed, were wrapped in white burial shrouds. Their father, Ismail, said the three were sleeping when the shell struck and he had to dig them out from under the rubble. Israel says it is going to great lengths to avoid civilian casualties and blames them on Hamas, accusing

it of firing from within residential neighborhoods and using its civilians as "human shields." On Thursday, the U.N. refugee agency for Palestinians, UNRWA, said a routine check in one of its vacant Gaza schools found about 20 hidden rockets and called on militants to respect the "sanctity and integrity" of U.N. property. Critics say it is the intense fire itself in such a densely populated area that leads to the deaths of innocent civilians. The U.N. children's agency, UNICEF, said at least 59 — or one in five — of the Palestinians killed children were under the age of 18. UNRWA said 40,000 Palestinians were seeking refuge in 34 of its shelters throughout the Gaza Strip. □



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## In Iraq, Syria, militants try to govern as a state

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**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Across the broad swath of territory it controls bridging Syria and Iraq, extremist militants from the group known as the Islamic State have proven to be highly organized administrators. Flush with cash, they fix roads, police traffic, administer courts, and have even set up an export system of smuggled crude from oil fields they control.

But the extremists — a mix of Iraqis and Syrians but also foreign fighters from Arab countries and non-Arab regions like the Caucasus — run the risk of provoking a backlash from the people they have come to rule. Unlike Lebanon's Hezbollah or the Palestinian militant group Hamas, which have deep roots in their communities, the Islamic State group is not a grassroots movement and its sway over its populations is ultimately based on violence, not necessarily a groundswell of support for its vision of a hard-line Islamic caliphate. While it has been welcomed by some disenfranchised Iraqi Sunnis as potential saviors from the Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad, many consider the group an alien entity.

In recognition of that, the group has varied the imposition of the radical version of Islamic law they advocate. In their main

stronghold in Syria, the city of Raqqa, they have unleashed it without reserve, killing perceived offenders and cutting off the hands of thieves in public.

But in Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, they have been more cautious. They've

and other insurgents entered the Sunni-majority city just north of Baghdad and were welcomed by residents, said one resident, Jassim Mohammed. But within days, the Islamic State fighters came with lists of "wanted" men, in-

or's office, police station, local council and courthouse. There has also been less dramatic pushback. In Mosul, the militants offered three local figures the post of governor of Nineva — the province of which Mosul is the capital — and



**A fighter with the Islamic State group distributes a copy of the Quran, Islam's holy book, to a driver in central northern city of Mosul, 225 miles (360 kilometers) northwest of Baghdad. Across the broad swath of territory it controls from northern Syria through northern and western Iraq, the extremist group known as the Islamic State has proven to be highly organized governors.**

(AP Photo)

taken some steps like banning alcohol and painting over street advertisements that show women's faces — but have held off on strict punishments for now. The Iraqi city of Duluyiah is a prime example of the possibility for overreach.

Weeks ago, a small group of Islamic State fighters

cluding police officers and local businessmen.

That prompted an uprising by residents who forced the militants out, leaving the town under control of Sunni tribesmen, Mohammed said.

On Sunday, Islamic State fighters stormed back into Duluyiah, seizing the may-

each refused, said Laith, a civil servant in the city who asked to be identified only by his first name for his own safety.

"People are worried that the (Iraqi) government might come back and that they would be punished for dealing with the Islamic State," he said. □

## Fidel Castro says Ukraine to blame for downed jet

**HAVANA, Cuba (AP)** — Retired Cuban leader Fidel Castro on Friday blamed the Ukrainian government in Kiev for the downing of a Malaysian Airlines passenger plane.

He also criticized Israel's ground offensive in the Gaza Strip, and the United States for saying Israel has a right to defend itself.

Castro's comments were made in an opinion column published by state media entitled "Extraordinary Provocation." It came days after he met with Vladimir Putin during the Russian leader's tour to boost ties with Latin American nations including Cuba, which during the Cold War was the Soviet Union's biggest ally in the hemisphere. Castro wrote that the Malaysian Airlines plane was flying over territory "under the control of the bellicose government of the chocolate king Petro Poroshenko," using the nickname of the Ukrainian president, who leads a large confectionary business. The plane was shot down Thursday as it flew over a conflicted part of eastern Ukraine, killing 298 people. Responsibility for the attack remains unclear. He recalled that Cuba stood with Ukraine after its 1986 nuclear accident at the Chernobyl power plant, attending "to the health of many children," and said the island nation "cannot refrain from expressing its repudiation of the action by the same anti-Russian, anti-Ukrainian and pro-imperialist government."

He also criticized Israel's ground offensive in the Gaza Strip, which was launched Thursday, calling it a "repugnant crime," and the United States for saying Israel has a right to defend itself. U.S. President Barack Obama, he said, "backs Goliath against David." Castro left office provisionally in 2006 when he was stricken by a near-fatal illness. He formally left the presidency in 2008, ceding way for his younger brother Raul to take power. □

## Italian court acquits Berlusconi in sex case

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**MILAN (AP)** — An Italian appeals court on Friday acquitted former Premier Silvio Berlusconi in a sex-for-hire case, reversing a lower court conviction that had carried a seven-year prison sentence and a lifetime ban on holding political office.

The case has grabbed global attention, offering an unseemly peek into the 77-year-old three-time premier's private life with witness testimony revealing raunchy, sex-fueled bungalow parties at his

private villa attended by a bevy of aspiring showgirls. The prosecution alleged that Berlusconi had paid for sex with underage Moroccan prostitute Karima el-Mahroug, better known as Ruby, and then used his influence to cover it up.

He denied the charges, saying the case was politically motivated by magistrates trying to drive him from power. Both he and el-Mahroug, who was 17 when she frequented the then-premier's villa, denied ever having had sex. The acquittal was announced just as Berlusconi

was leaving a facility for Alzheimer's patients where he is performing community service for a separate conviction on a tax fraud charge. That is the only case finalized against Berlusconi, who has faced dozens of trials, mostly for his business dealings.

Berlusconi issued a statement to supporters saying the verdict confirmed "what I have always said: that the vast majority of Italian magistrates do their work quietly, with admirable balance and rigor." Berlusconi's defense lawyer, Franco Coppi, said

the decision "goes beyond the rosier predictions," adding that he would have been satisfied with an acquittal for lack of evidence. But the court went further, saying that no crimes had been committed.

While the court has 90 days to issue its reasoning, Coppi said the decision to acquit for paying an underage prostitute for sex could have been due to Berlusconi's testimony that he believed el-Mahroug was over 18, irrespective of whether he had sex with her. □



# US funds political groups in Venezuela despite ban

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Almost four years after Venezuela enacted a law to bar the U.S. from funding groups frequently critical of the socialist government, millions of the American dollars the administration tried to ban still flow to these organizations, an analysis by The Associated Press shows. Much more U.S. support is under consideration.

The State Department and the National Endowment for Democracy, a government-funded nonprofit organization, together budgeted about \$7.6 million to support Venezuelan groups last year alone, according to public documents reviewed by AP.

That was 15 percent more than they collectively authorized in 2009, the year before then-President Hugo Chavez pushed Venezuela's Congress to ban such funding in the name of protecting the country's sovereignty from groups it views as the opposition.

In Washington, the Senate is considering a bill to boost State Department aid to pro-democracy groups in Venezuela from about \$5

million to \$15 million amid calls for a tougher line against Venezuela after current President Nicolas Maduro cracked down on anti-government protests. A similar version cleared by the House would maintain current funding levels. It's unclear whether the government has been unable to enforce the law against such funding, or is simply uninterested. The sweeping 2010 ban on foreign donations subjects violators to fines of as much as twice all foreign money received, and bars them from running for public office. Foreigners in Venezuela who provide such aid can be deported. Marino Alvarado, director of the centrist Venezuelan human rights group Provea, says the ban was passed to send an anti-imperialist message, but is politically impossible to enforce. Venezuela, which itself provides aid around the region, even in the U.S., would open itself to charges of hypocrisy if it took the extreme step of shutting down local organizations for taking foreign assistance, he said. For eight years, the Chavez administration provided families in 25 U.S. states with heating oil during the cold

wintermonths, according to Citgo Corp., an American subsidiary of Venezuela's state-owned oil company. Caracas provides Havana with an estimated \$3.2

Republic.

"The administration is stuck," Alvarado said. Many groups continue to accept U.S. funds despite the law, but the ban has

"The situation makes us all fearful, and I sometimes think about other paths I could have taken," Torrealbasaid. "But the work is tremendously important. It's vital that we document what's happening so that the world knows."

The U.S. long has used international aid to promote its values, such as free speech and open markets, by strengthening civil society and institutions. It's unclear how the U.S. is deploying its millions in Venezuela. The National Endowment for Democracy, known as NED, now omits Venezuelan recipients' names from its annual reports, and the State Department since 2010 has not publicly named the Venezuelan partners which receive its pro-democracy funds.

NED spokeswoman Jane Riley Jacobsen said the agency withholds recipient names because of an "atmosphere of severe intimidation, including threats of physical violence, hate campaigns on state-controlled media, and legal reprisals." □



A mural of late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez covers a street wall in the 23 de Enero neighborhood in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, July 17, 2014. In 2010, Chavez pushed Venezuela's Congress to ban U.S. funding in the name of protecting the country's sovereignty. The ban subjects violators to fines of as much as twice all foreign money received, and bars them from running for public office. Foreigners in Venezuela who provide such aid can be deported.

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billion annually in cut-rate Venezuelan oil that is a lifeline for Cuba's ailing economy, and gives oil and natural gas on preferential terms to other countries including Nicaragua, Bolivia and the Dominican

increased their sense of vulnerability, according to Luisa Torrealba, coordinator at Venezuela's Institute for Press and Society, which monitors government interference with journalists, and accepts U.S. funding.

## Puerto Rico: Chikungunya epidemic declared

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Health officials in Puerto Rico this week declared an epidemic of the mosquito-borne virus known as chikungunya, which was introduced into the Caribbean region late last year.

Health Secretary Ana Rius said that more than 200 cases had been confirmed on the island as of June 25 and that the majority of them were reported in the capital of San Juan and nearby areas.

The first case of chikungunya in the U.S. territory was reported in late May.

Also on Thursday, officials in Jamaica reported the island's first confirmed case. The chief medical officer, Dr. Kevin Harvey, said the

virus was found in a person who had recently traveled to a country where there have been locally transmitted cases.

In Florida, health officials reported the first domestically acquired chikungunya infections in the United States. Officials said it happened in two cases, both of which involved a person infected with the virus after visiting the Caribbean being bitten again by an uninfected mosquito in Florida, which then transmitted the illness further.

Across the Caribbean, the Pan American Health Organization recorded more than 354,000 suspected and confirmed cases as of July 11. □

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## China clout on show with the BRICS bank formation

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AP Business Writer

**MUMBAI, India (AP)** — A developing nation version of the World Bank was formally agreed this week two years after India proposed the idea to Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa. Yet even as the five governments hailed its formation, there were questions about whether four of them might simply be paying to move from U.S. financial hegemony to dominance by another economic superpower: China.

India ensured a sense of parity with its insistence that each of the countries behind the New Development Bank contribute equal shares of \$10 billion to its initial \$50 billion capital. Like the World Bank, the new institution plans to fund development projects in poor countries.

But India failed in its bid to host the new bank's headquarters in New Delhi. It will be located in Shanghai instead. The headquarters skirmish was part of a larger struggle to keep China, the world's second-biggest economy, from dominating the new bank the way the United States has dominated the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Losing out to Shanghai set off a flurry of concern in Indian media that instead of the consensual approach that India originally envisioned, the new institution could be used to promote China's priorities.

"At worst, India has been conned by China into giving Shanghai \$10 billion, to start off with, to pursue Chinese interests in the developing world," columnist Mihir S. Sharma wrote in the Business Standard newspaper.

India has long been suspicious of its giant neighbor to the north and border disputes still fester. Plus, for about a decade, India hoped to match or even outpace the Chinese economic juggernaut when its own economy was growing at 8-9 percent. That dream has crumbled in recent years. India's economy slowed to less than 5 percent growth in the last two years and China, while also slowing, continued to outpace it.

In another concession to parity, the New Development Bank will have a rotating presidency shared among the member nations. But there is no doubting that China's priorities will carry significant weight.

The Chinese economy is four times the size of India's and larger than the combined economies of India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa. Take the C out of BRICS as the five are known and it becomes a much less muscular grouping.

Still, some economists argue that the significance of the development bank and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement, a \$100 billion financial safety net similar to the International Monetary Fund, also agreed at the summit in Brazil, is useful as an alternative to the U.S.-dominated global economic system.

"It really is a historic development," said Biswajit Dhar, an economist and professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi.

Some even compared the significance of the BRICS bank to the Bretton Woods summit in 1944, which provided by the basis for the modern system of central banking and foreign exchange as well as the creation of the World Bank, then called the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the IMF.

China's official Xinhua news agency said in an editorial that the agreement ushers in a long-awaited alternative to the "Western-dominated institutes in global finance." □

## US-EU trade: Chlorine chicken fears sour talks

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Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Visions of chlorine-drenched chickens and the prospect of genetically modified "Frankenfood" invading dinner tables across the European Union are proving serious impediments to the signing of a sweeping free trade agreement between the United States and the 28-country bloc.

Optimism that negotiations, which marked their first-year anniversary this week, would lead to a deal to create a trading

"That was totally unrealistic .... It will take a long time, if it can be achieved at all."

Analysts say a deal is unlikely within Obama's second term, which ends in early 2017.

And his successor will most likely face similar obstacles in Congress where lawmakers, fearing potential job losses, have proved reluctant to embrace another free trade agreement since the North American Free Trade Agreement 20 years ago. A pact between the U.S., Japan and 10 other Pacific nations has

"Governments will be less willing to sacrifice fragile political capital in favor of an unpopular trade agreement from which they are unlikely to make immediate political gains," said Eurasia Group's Roldan.

A senior EU official conceded that the timeline is slipping with the European Commission — the bloc's executive branch — now hoping to conclude a deal during Obama's current term.

"That would mean no later than 2016," said the official, who spoke on condition of



**EU chief negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero, right, and U.S. chief negotiator Dan Mullaney, address the media at the end of the sixth round of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Friday, July 18, 2014. The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is a trade agreement that is presently being negotiated between the European Union and the United States. It aims at removing trade barriers in a wide range of economic sectors to make it easier to buy and sell goods and services between the EU and the US.**

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

bloc of 800 million people representing around half the world's economic output have faltered amid growing public opposition. Suspicions toward the U.S. following a spying scandal and electoral considerations on both sides of the Atlantic have also not helped to foster progress.

A year ago, U.S. President Barack Obama and his European peers sought an agreement to create the trading bloc by the end of 2014.

"There was much hype a year ago," economist Andre Sapir of Brussels-based think-tank Bruegel said.

also proved elusive.

Congress has shown little inclination to grant Obama fast track authority over trade deals — the process empowers presidents to negotiate trade deals and present them to Congress with no amendments allowed. Many Democrats seeking re-election in November are fearful of drawing opposition amid concerns over jobs.

The political problems don't just lie in the U.S. Recent elections to the European Parliament saw many euroskeptics opposing more integration win almost one in three seats.

anonymity because of the negotiations' confidentiality.

An agreement to lower tariffs and eliminate other trade barriers would, it is hoped, strengthen a relationship worth 800 billion euros (\$1.1 trillion). It could also help the pair shape global trade rules on issues like safety standards to pharmaceutical regulation against the growing power of China and other emerging economies.

"That is why third countries like China, India and Brazil are so fearful of the negotiations," Bruegel's Sapir said. □



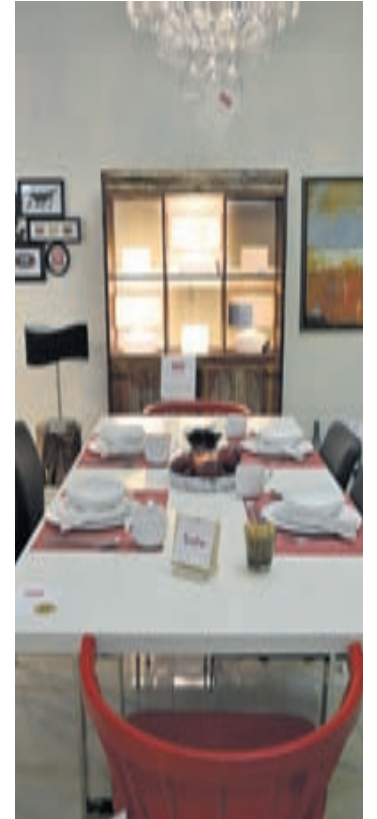


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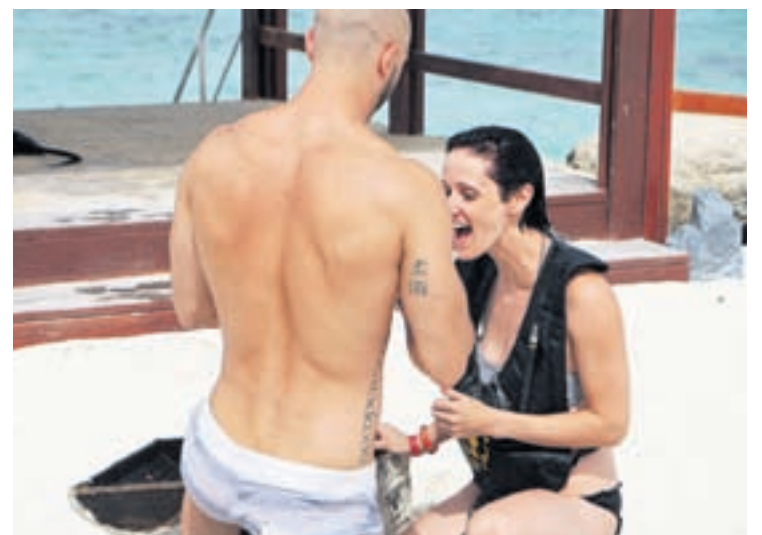
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De Palm Island, had purposely put the treasure box amongst the coral where he knew they would be snorkeling. What was to be an ordinary day of enjoying all that De Palm Island has to offer such as banana

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In this April 3, 2008, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James throws talc into the air in a pre-game ritual before an NBA basketball game against the Chicago Bulls in Cleveland. Associated Press

## LeBron James undecided on jersey No. 6 or 23

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

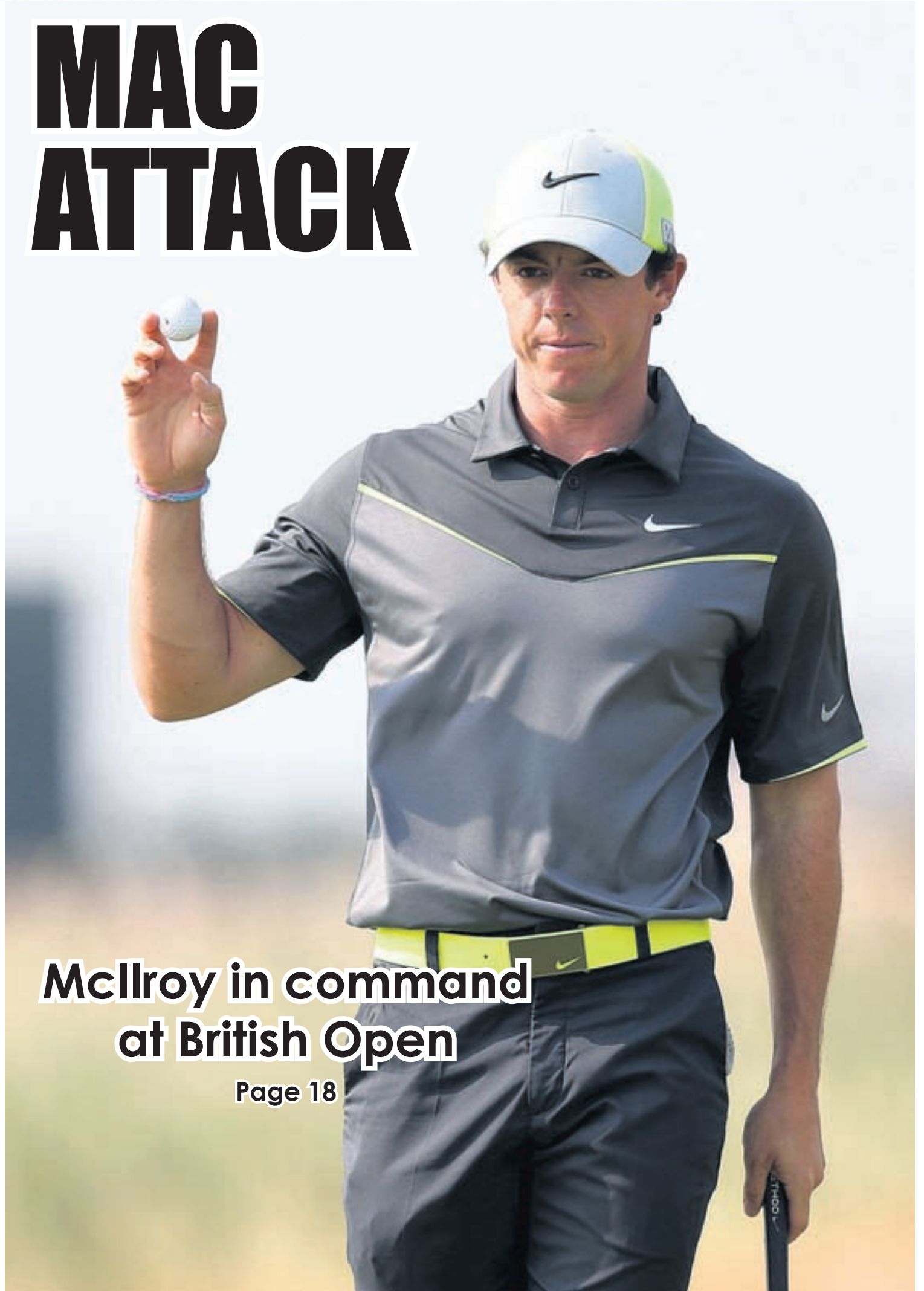
**CLEVELAND (AP)** — LeBron James has to make another big decision. The NBA superstar turned to social media Friday to help him choose which number he'll wear next season with the Cavaliers. James wrote "6 or 23...." on his Twitter account and posted photos on Instagram of him wearing No. 6 and No. 23 wine and gold Cavs jerseys.

James wore No. 6 during his four seasons with Miami and also on the U.S. Olympic team. He used No. 23 in high school and during seven seasons in Cleveland.

James has had the top-selling jersey in the NBA six times during his career. His return to Cleveland has given the city a boost, and the Cavs quickly sold out their seasons tickets in the hours after his announcement. James signed a two-year, \$42.1 million contract last week.

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## McIlroy in command at British Open

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Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland holds up his ball after playing a birdie on the 8th green during the second day of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England, Friday July 18, 2014. Associated Press



# Rory McIlroy builds a 4-shot lead at British Open

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

HOYLAK, England (AP)

— Rory McIlroy only saw birdies at Royal Liverpool, mostly on his scorecard, and even one pheasant that trotted across the eighth green as he was lining up a putt. That was but a minor interruption in his command performance Friday in the British Open.

Once he made a birdie, and then another, nothing could stop McIlroy.

Not another collapse in the second round. Not anyone in the field. And certainly not Tiger Woods.

After a bogey on his opening hole stirred memories of another "Black Friday," McIlroy looked more like the Boy Wonder who won two majors in a runaway. With three birdies in his last four holes, he posted a second straight 6-under 66 to build a four-shot lead over Dustin Johnson.

McIlroy spoke of an "inner peace," and the two secret words that triggered his powerful swing and set up birdie chances on just about every hole.

"People call it the zone, people call it whatever," he said. "It's just a state of mind where you think clearly. Everything seems to be on the right track. I've always said, whenever you play this well, you always wonder how you've played so badly before. And whenever you've played so badly, you always wonder how you play so well. I'm happy where my game is at the minute. And hopefully, I can just keep up the solid play for another couple of days."

Woods is fortunate to even play for two more days. He started the second round only three shots behind. He finished it on the 18th hole, standing over a 6-foot birdie putt just to avoid missing back-to-back cuts for the first time in his career. Woods made the putt for a 77, matching his second-worst round as a pro in the British Open. Woods hit driver five times — four more than he hit all week when he won at Roy-



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland celebrates playing a birdie on the 18th to lead on the second day of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England, Friday July 18, 2014.

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al Liverpool in 2006. None found the fairway. Woods was 14 shots out of the lead and still thought he had a chance, referring to Paul Lawrie making up 10 shots in one round to win at Carnoustie in 1999.

That was against Jean Van de Velde. This is Rory McIlroy, who has won both his majors by eight shots.

"Two 66s from Rory is a bit special, but he is just that — he is a bit special," Graeme McDowell said. "So he's going to be tough to catch this weekend if he keeps that up."

McIlroy was at 12-under 132 — the same 36-hole score of Woods in 2006.

Dustin Johnson birdied the last two holes for a 65, the low score of the week. That ordinarily would put him in

the last group with McIlroy, except they will have company in a historic decision at golf's oldest championship. Because of a nasty storm approaching England, the Open will go to threesomes teeing off on both sides Saturday.

Francesco Molinari (70) will join them. He was part of a large group at 6-under 138 that included Rickie Fowler (69), Sergio Garcia (70), Charl Schwartzel (67), Louis Oosthuizen (68) and Ryan Moore (68).

Johnson had a chance at the claret jug three years ago until a 2-iron that went out-of-bounds on the 14th hole at Royal St. George's. He also lost a three-shot lead in the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, and missed out on a playoff at Whis-

ting Straits for grounding his club in sand at the 2010 PGA Championship.

"I'm glad and I'm in the last group," Johnson said. "Just go out there and try to shoot a big number."

Four shots can be lost quickly in any major, especially in links golf, particularly in nasty weather. McIlroy followed up a record-tying 63 at St. Andrews in 2010 with an 80 the following day. Even so, the ease with which he moved around Royal Liverpool was more frightening than any forecast.

McIlroy picked up his first birdie with two putts from across the green on the par-5 fifth. But it was on the par-3 sixth, when McIlroy deposited an 8-iron to 7 feet for birdie, that he

found that peace and put the pedal down on the rest of the field.

He ushered the pheasant off the eighth green, regrouped and holed a 7-foot birdie putt, chipped to tap-in range on the 10th and then kept giving himself chances on all but one hole until ending with three birdies. McIlroy was in such a groove that with the wind at his back, he hit driver 396 yards on the 17th hole and pitched to 8 feet. It was only Friday — a fantastic one, not a freaky one — but the kid looked like he was going for a knockout.

"Once I got to 7 (under), I felt like, 'OK, this time I feel good. I can get to 8. I can get to 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.'"

The 17th hole is where Woods fell apart. He started double bogey-bogey and made only pars the rest of the way until his tee shot on the 17th was about 100 yards short and 50 yards wider than McIlroy's drive. Hanging his head, Woods was walking down the fairway when he was told it was out of bounds. Back at the tee, he hooked that shot closer to the 16th fairway and made triple bogey. A birdie enabled him to make the cut, a small consolation considering what McIlroy is doing.

"It's not a surprise. He's done this before," Woods said. "Once he gets going, he can make a lot of birdies and he plays pretty aggressively to begin with. And when he's going, he can get it going pretty good."

As for those two secret words that keep McIlroy locked into what he's doing?

"I'll tell you on Sunday, hopefully," he said. □

## AP source: Lakers make winning bid for Boozer

AP Basketball Writer

A person with knowledge of the details says the Los Angeles Lakers have claimed Carlos Boozer after he was waived by the Chicago Bulls via the amnesty clause.

According to NBA rules, teams with room under the salary cap had to bid at least \$1.4 million, the amount of the minimum salary for veterans next season. The person, who spoke to The Associated

Press on condition of anonymity Thursday because there was no official announcement, did not say how much the Lakers bid. The amnesty clause allows teams to waive a player without his salary counting

for cap and tax purposes. Boozer is due \$16.8 million next season in the final season of his contract.

He will join a Lakers team that has already signed fellow power forwards Jordan Hill and Ed Davis. □



# Diaz rallies to maintain lead at Marathon Classic

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) -- Laura Diaz almost chose to walk away from golf to spend more time at home with her family. Now she's making the decision to juggle both jobs seem like a shrewd move. "I love being a mom; it's the greatest thing in the world," she said after following a 9-under 62 with a solid 69 on Friday to maintain a three-shot lead through 36 holes at the Marathon Classic.

"It's hard for me when I have to choose. So I made a list. My family is first, and then golf comes second and we work everything out in between."

Chasing her first win since 2002, Diaz is at 11-under 131, three shots ahead of Lee-Anne Pace and Lydia Ko.

Diaz led by four shots over

Pace and Austin Ernst after the first round. She was pleased her game was sturdy enough to hang on to the lead despite being in the heat of contention for the first time in several years.

"It was just a challenge because I haven't been in this position in a very long time," Diaz said. "For sure, I haven't had cameras on me in a long time."

So she took the opportunity to say hello to her kids - 8-year-old son Cooper and 4-year-old daughter Lilly.

"(The cameras) get in my face and I don't really know what to do," she said. "I said, 'Hi, kiddos. I love you.' That kind of stuff."

She made sure the cameras stuck around with her strong play down the stretch.

After a nine-birdie, no-bo-

gey effort in the first round, she showed signs of faltering early on Friday. She had her first bogey of the tournament on the sixth hole to fall back into a tie with Pace and Ko, but then regained her touch after getting par on the next six holes.

Starting at the 13th, she birdied four of the next six, including the par-5 closing hole.

Diaz was a rising star early in her career, winning twice in 2002 and playing on four Solheim Cup teams. After she married Kevin Diaz, she found that she liked being a wife and mother more than traveling the world playing golf. She hasn't been in the top 20 of a tournament since 2010.

Before the season she was torn between coming out on tour and staying home



Laura Diaz tees off on the ninth hole during the second round of the Marathon Classic LPGA golf tournament at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio, Friday, July 18, 2014.

Associated Press

so as not to miss any of the daily routine. In the end, she decided to keep playing.

"(It was) knowing that I could manage being a mom and play. I think that's something I've struggled with, for, well eight years," she said. "When I only had one (child) I think I got to a point where I was OK. But with two you've got twice as much to get done."

Pace, a South African who is an alum of the University of Tulsa, is looking for a breakthrough win on American soil. After a 68, she couldn't contain herself.

"I'm very happy about (my) position," said Pace, who has won eight times on the Ladies European Tour. "I would like to be in contention on the weekend. That's when the fun starts, right?"

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The Chicago Bulls newest acquisitions, forward Nikola Mirotic, left, and free agent forward/center Pau Gasol pose with their jerseys at an NBA news conference Friday, July 18, 2014, in Chicago.

Associated Press

JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Pau Gasol talked to Joakim Noah when the Chicago Bulls traveled to Los Angeles to recruit the free-agent center. He spoke with Derrick Rose over the phone, and Mike Dunleavy

also reached out to the 2.13-meter veteran.

What Gasol found was a hungry team in search of a championship, and it was enough to convince the skilled Spaniard to trade the warmth of Southern California for the cold winters of the Windy City.

Gasol and newcomer Nikola Mirotic were at the United Center on Friday for a pair of press conferences announcing their new contracts. The 34-year-old Gasol begins his 14th NBA season with career averages of 18.3 points, 9.2 rebounds and 3.3 assists, and the 2.08-meter Mirotic joins the Bulls after a successful final season with Real Madrid.

"It was a gut feeling. I thought Chicago was going to be the best fit for me," Gasol said. "It's a great challenge, but I'm driven by challenge. I look forward to it."

Gasol began his career with Memphis and was traded to Los Angeles in February 2008. He formed

a strong bond with Kobe Bryant while helping the Lakers to three consecutive NBA Finals from 2008-10, winning the title the last two of those years.

Weighing interest from NBA champion San Antonio and Oklahoma City among other teams, Gasol said his conversations with Noah and Rose helped sway him to Chicago. Noah was the league's defensive player of the year last season, and Rose is coming back from a pair of knee injuries which kept the 2011 MVP out for much of the last two seasons.

"How humble they were, I think that's real important to be able to not have big egos, that makes things a lot easier," Gasol said. "Their passion, their hunger as well. They're hungry. They're hungry to win, that's something that I wanted to also come into, to be a part of a hungry team."

Rose played only 10 games last season before he was shelved for the year by a torn meniscus in his right knee. Chicago still managed to win 48 games and make the playoffs, where it lost to Washington in the first round.

Rose is expected to return this season, and the addition of Gasol and Mirotic should give Chicago one of the deepest frontcourts in the league. Noah set career highs with 12.6 points, 11.3 and 5.4 assists

per game last year, and Taj Gibson blossomed into one of the league's top reserves.

The Bulls used the amnesty clause to cut Carlos Boozer on Tuesday, leaving an opening in the starting lineup. But coach Tom Thibodeau isn't sure what the lineup is going to look like just yet.

"I don't know how it's going to unfold," he said, "you know, who will be the starter, who's finishing? Maybe we change as we go. We're going to see once we get everyone out there together. We're always going to do what's best for the team."

Gasol, a Barcelona native, also should be able to help with Mirotic's transition to the NBA. The 23-year-old Mirotic, who was acquired in a 2011 draft-night deal with Minnesota, averaged 12.4 points while shooting 46 percent from 3-point range last season with Real Madrid.

Mirotic, a stretch power forward who has drawn comparisons to sharpshooters Hedo Turkoglu and Ryan Anderson, was believed to be one of the top players in the world outside of the NBA. "I strongly believe that I am ready for this challenge," Mirotic said through an interpreter.

Gasol, Mirotic and first-round draft pick Doug McDermott address one of Chicago's biggest problems from a year ago. □

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The 29-year-old will be welcomed back to his hometown of Akron on Aug. 8, his family's foundation announced Friday. The "Welcome

## LeBron James

Home LeBron Community Rally" will be held at InfoCision Stadium on the University of Akron's campus. The rally, following James' annual "Wheels for Education" event, will be James' first public appearance since he chose to re-sign with the Cavaliers over the Heat.

James recently returned from Brazil, where he watched the World Cup final between Germany and Argentina. He's scheduled to take a Nike-sponsored trip to China in the next few weeks. □



# In Alps, Nibali again dominates Tour de France

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

CHAMROUSSE, France

(AP) — If Vincenzo Nibali was looking happier Friday after the Tour de France rode into the Alps, here's why: His top rival fell out of contention, he gained nearly a minute on his next-biggest challenger and oh, he won Stage 13 to boot. On a sunbaked and melting Alpine road, the 29-year-old Italian, cemented his control of cycling's greatest race with a solo-finish victory that was an afterthought to gaining time on other title contenders.

Team Sky's Richie Porte, who began the day in second, saw his title hopes all but vanish after he lost about 9 minutes to Nibali on the last climb along the grueling 197.5-kilometer (122-mile) trek from Saint-Etienne to Chamrousse ski station.

Ever cautious, calm and understated after his stage win, Nibali noted that three big Alpine climbs still await Saturday and other punishing ascents are on tap in the Pyrenees next

week.

"For the coming days, I only know that I have to remain quiet," he said.

But in the winner's circle, where he collected the yellow jersey for the 11th time this year, Nibali perhaps let slip a bit more happy emotion — knowing that a first Tour victory for an Italian since Marco Pantani in 1998 just got a little closer.

"I expect more attacks tomorrow in another very hard stage and next week," Nibali said. "My advantage over Porte is good now. He's the rider I feared the most in the closing time trial."

If Nibali's mountain dominance keeps up — on Monday, he won the only other high-mountain stage so far — the 54-kilometer (33-mile) time-trial in Stage 20 from Bergerac to Perigueux is the only real challenge left in his way.

The unexpected has gone Nibali's way.

He surprised himself by winning an up-and-down Stage 2 stage in the hills and dales of Yorkshire



Italy's Vincenzo Nibali, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, breaks away in the final climb to win the thirteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 197.5 kilometers (122.7 miles) with start in Saint-Etienne and finish in Chamrousse, France, Friday, July 18, 2014.

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and capturing his first Tour yellow jersey. He mastered cobblestone treachery in Stage 5, when 2012 Tour champ Chris Froome crashed out. And then, two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador went out five stages later after a fast downhill crash fractured his tibia.

In a sport where many dominant riders in past years later turned out to be drugs cheats, Nibali confronted the issue of doping a day earlier, saying he expected questions about it. "This theme belongs to the past," he said, crediting recent efforts like enhanced testing and the biological

passport to clean it up.

This 101st Tour could become the third straight in which the winner locked up victory from before the halfway point. Last year, Froome was in yellow from the eighth stage onward. In 2012, Bradley Wiggins had the shirt for good after Stage 7.

## 5 former NFL players sue union over concussions

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Five former NFL players, including six-time Pro Bowl defensive end Neil Smith, are suing the union for not providing accurate information about the risk of head injuries.

The lawsuit on behalf of Smith, Ladell Betts, Anthony Davis, Christian Ballard and Gregory Westbrook was filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, with the plaintiffs claiming the NFL Players Association "withheld information from the players about the risks of head injuries."

The former players are seeking medical monitoring and financial compensation for long-term chronic injuries, financial losses, expenses

and intangible losses. It refers to the "pathological and debilitating effects of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) caused by concussive and sub-concussive impacts."

The players named former union presidents Trace Armstrong, Troy Vincent and Kevin Mawae in the suit. "This lawsuit has no merit and we will defend our union and our past presidents," the NFLPA said in a statement. "It erroneously alleges that the NFLPA knowingly and fraudulently concealed from players the risks of head injuries players faced by playing in NFL games and practices over the last several decades."

"The NFLPA has made the health and safety of its members a priority and the advancements in profes-

sional football on concussion education, prevention and treatment are a result of our efforts."

The lawsuit notes that the players paid dues to the union, which assured them their best interests would be protected. But, the plaintiffs say, that did not happen.

"We believe that the most important resource in the NFL is the players, and the most essential part of a player's body is the brain," said attorney Kevin Regan, who is representing the players in the lawsuit. "Considering the millions of dollars received as dues from NFLPA members, the NFLPA did not do enough to protect its members from traumatic brain injury."

The union also is accused of "engaging in a campaign



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell answers questions before the ribbon-cutting and opening of Levi's Stadium Thursday, July 17, 2014, in Santa Clara, Calif

of disinformation designed to dispute accepted and valid research regarding the connection between repetitive head injuries or concussions and degenerative brain disease; and to create a falsified body of research that the NFLPA could cite as proof that truthful and accepted neuroscience on the subject was inconclusive and subject to doubt."

Smith spent 13 seasons in the NFL, nine with Kansas City, and was one of the game's top defensive players. He retired in 2000.

Betts was a running back for nine seasons, the first eight with Washington. He retired in 2010.

Davis played eight seasons with four teams and won a Super Bowl with Baltimore after the 2000 season, his last year in the league.



# Gatlin, Bowie set year-best times at the Herculis

**MONACO (AP)** — American sprinters Justin Gatlin and Tori Bowie set the fastest times this year in the 200 and 100 meters respectively at the Herculis meeting on Friday.

Gatlin, the 2004 Olympic champion in the 100, came out of the bend with the lead and pulled away in the homestretch to cross the line in 19.68 seconds despite a 0.5-meter headwind. Nickel Ashmeade finished second in 19.99, Christophe Lemaitre took third and Tyson Gay placed fourth in the 10th leg of the Diamond League circuit.

Gatlin also beat Gay in the 100 at the Athletissima meeting two weeks ago in Switzerland, where Gay was returning from a one-year doping ban after testing positive for an anabolic steroid.

"I'm ready to face the best Jamaicans in both sprints," Gatlin told the IAAF website. "This year I want to win the Diamond Race in the 100 meters and stay unbeaten."

Gatlin's previous best time was 19.86 set in 2002. He completed a four-year doping suspension in 2010. In the women's 100, Bow-



Justin Gatlin of U.S. wins the men's 200m event, during the Herculis International Athletics Meeting, at the Louis II Stadium, in Monaco, Friday, July 18, 2014. Associated Press

ie showed a tremendous burst of speed in the last 30 meters to win in 10.80. Veronica Campbell-Brown, the 2007 world champion, finished second in 10.96. Worlds runner-up Murielle Ahoure placed third, ahead of Blessing Okagbare, Allyson Felix and Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.

"Tonight was the best ever start I had in my life," Bowie said. "After that, the race was just flowing."

At 23, Bowie is having a breakthrough season. Her fastest time last year was only 11.14. Nijel Amos of Botswana, Silas Kiplagat of Kenya, Caterine Ibarguen of Colombia, Ajee Wilson of the United States and Genzebe Dibaba of Ethiopia also set world-leading marks. Olympic runner-up Amos won the men's 800 in 1 minute, 42.45 seconds. He made his move in the homestretch to overtake Olympic champion David

Rudisha, who slipped to fifth in the final meters.

Kiplagat got the better of world champion Asbel Kiprop in the final straight to take the men's 1,500 in 3:27.64. He celebrated his victory, a Diamond League record, by taking off his jersey and kneeling down to kiss his bib.

At her last attempt, world champion Ibarguen leaped 15.31 meters, also a Diamond League record, to win the triple jump.

Yekaterina Koneva finished second with a 14.89-meter mark.

"I never doubted my chances of winning. I never lost faith," Ibarguen said. "The world record is there, it's not far. I will strive and fight for it."

The world record is 15.50 set by Ukraine's Inessa Kraevets in 1995.

In the women's 800, Wilson outpaced world champion Eunice Jepkoech Sum in the last 40 meters to finish in 1:57.67.

"It feels great to beat the world champion," Wilson said. "I was told this was a fast track and so it proved tonight."

Dibaba ran 14:28.88 in the women's 5,000 to beat worlds bronze medallist Almaz Ayana.

Pascal Martinot-Lagarde won the 110 hurdles in 12.95 to send a loud message ahead of the European championships in Zurich next month. Reigning European champion Sergey Shubenkov finished third behind Orlando Ortega. Olympic champion Aries Merritt, who has struggled for form this season because of a hamstring injury, placed seventh in 13.47. □

## AP sources: Bon Jovi part of group eyeing Bills

**JOHN WAWROW**  
AP Sports Writer

**BUFFALO, New York (AP)** — Rocker Jon Bon Jovi is part of a Toronto group that has retained a banking firm and submitted paperwork expressing interest in buying the NFL's Buffalo Bills, three people who have reviewed documents regarding the sale process told The Associated Press on Friday.

It is unclear if the group would eventually want to move the team across the border to Toronto, which would give Canada its first team in the National Football League. The club is on the market after Hall of Fame owner Ralph Wilson died in March.

The three people spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity Friday because the process is private and the



In this June 26, 2014, file photo musician Jon Bon Jovi performs during a concert of the American rock band Bon Jovi in Lisbon, Portugal. Associated Press

Toronto group has not revealed its intentions. The group includes Larry Tanenbaum and the Rogers family. Tanenbaum is chairman of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, which controls the NHL's

Maple Leafs and NBA's Raptors. The Rogers family includes Edward Rogers, who is deputy chairman of Rogers, the Toronto communications giant. The group is on a list of prospective buyers who have

submitted a nondisclosure agreement form to Morgan Stanley, the banking firm overseeing the Bills sale. The Toronto group has retained the Goldman Sachs banking firm to assist in the bid.

Bon Jovi previously expressed interest in owning an NFL franchise but never specifically mentioned the Bills. This is the first real indication linking him to Tanenbaum and Rogers. One of the people confirmed that Bon Jovi discussed his interests during a restaurant meeting last month with NFL Commissioner.

The Bills most recently were valued by Forbes at \$870 million. They are projected to be sold for at least \$1 billion, partly because NFL teams rarely go on the market.

The team is essentially

locked into playing at Ralph Wilson Stadium through the 2019 season because of a strict nonrelocation clause included in a 10-year lease agreement reached with the state and county in December 2012.

The Bills would incur a \$400 million penalty by even broaching the prospect of moving during the lease's term. There is a one-time exception that would allow the Bills to break the lease for just under \$28.4 million in 2020.

Of about 60 nondisclosure forms sent out by Morgan Stanley in June, at least 10 of have been returned, two of the people said. Among those also listed as returning their forms are Buffalo Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula and New York City real estate mogul Donald Trump. □



# Amazon rolls out 'Netflix-for-books' style service

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AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon is rolling out a new subscription service that will allow unlimited access to thousands of electronic books and audiobooks for \$9.99 a month in the online giant's latest effort to attract more users.

The largest U.S. e-commerce site said Friday that the Kindle Unlimited service will give users the ability to read as much as they want from more than 600,000 Kindle titles such as "The Hunger Games" and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." They can also listen as much as they like to thousands of Audible audiobooks, including "Water for Elephants."

The service will offer about 2,000 audiobooks from Audible with Whispersync for Voice, which lets users switch between reading and listening to books. Subscribers will get a free three-month membership to the broader Audible service, which has 150,000 titles.

Amazon is offering a free 30-day trial to entice users to try the service. The move is a switch from Amazon's latest efforts, which have largely focused on adding services to its Prime loyalty program. The company has recently launched a video streaming box and



In this Sept. 24, 2013 file photo, the 8.9-inch Amazon Kindle HDX tablet computer is held up for a photo in Seattle. Associated Press

grocery delivery service, unveiled plans for a smartphone and expanded its Sunday delivery service, all for members of Prime. But Kindle Unlimited is for anyone with a Kindle device or app.

Americans have a growing appetite for e-books. In the U.S., 79 million people will use e-book readers in 2014, up nearly 9 percent from 72 million in 2013, according to eMarketer. People age 45 to 54 are the biggest readers of e-books this year.

Amazon's move comes at an uneasy time for the company and its relationship with publishers, be-

cause it has been in a public squabble with Hachette over e-book prices. Amazon did not disclose the terms it worked out with publishers who are part of Kindle Unlimited.

Some major publishers aren't involved. HarperCollins and Simon and Schuster confirmed they are not part of the service, while Penguin Random House declined to comment. Macmillan and Hachette did not respond to a query for comment.

Still, the service offers a selection of high-profile titles, including the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, the "Harry Potter" series and classics

like Robert Penn Warren's "All the King's Men" and George Orwell's "Animal Farm."

Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey said even if the big publishers aren't involved yet, the service is a necessary step for Amazon.

"People prefer subscription access to digital media," he said, citing music service Spotify and movie- and TV-streaming service Netflix as examples.

"Someone is going to figure out how to build a consumer brand around subscription books and force publishers to participate, and Amazon can't afford

for it not to be Amazon."

Seattle-based Amazon is not the first company to offer a "Netflix for books"-style monthly service: Scribd offers a service for \$8.99 a month for access to 400,000 books. Oyster offers 500,000 books for \$9.95 a month. Unlike Kindle Unlimited, both services offer HarperCollins books, among other publishers.

But Amazon is the biggest company to roll out the service and has the advantage of having a dedicated base of users through its Kindle devices and Kindle app, which runs on most wireless devices.

Even so, some analysts are skeptical. Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter said that paying \$9.99 a month for the service doesn't make sense for someone who reads roughly one book a month. And for more avid readers, the limited book selection might be disappointing, he said.

"Amazon is throwing a lot of stuff at the wall and seeing what sticks," he said.

A Kindle Unlimited logo will be attached to eligible titles. The subscription service is available beginning Friday and is accessible via Kindle devices or with Amazon's free Kindle reading apps. Amazon's stock rose \$1.44 to \$353.89 in midday trading. □

## Sling Media unveils two devices for out-of-home TV

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AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sling Media, the maker of devices that let people watch their cable channels while traveling, is trying to become more relevant in the living room. Traditionally, Sling's strength has been in so-called place shifting. Attached to the home cable box, the Slingbox device sends video to various phones, tablets and other devices. If you're on a work trip out-of-town, you can still catch the local news in your city live on a Sling-Player app. You can also use that to watch shows on your home video recorder. Inside the home, though, the Slingbox hasn't been of

much use beyond letting you watch from a phone or tablet in another room. Sling is trying to change that with a model announced Tuesday. The new SlingTV is identical to the Slingbox 500 currently on the market, but with new software to recommend things to watch. On the living-room TV, you can see scores and stats for games currently on TV, along with a guide to what's exciting at the moment, such as a team making a comeback. The new software will also give you more information on movies and TV shows.

The new feature incorporates some of what's already found on TiVo recorders and cable set-top

boxes. Because the box still can't record shows, the Slingbox's biggest appeal will likely remain in remote viewing — both when traveling and on devices in other rooms.

Although more people have been watching television on their computers and mobile devices, doing that with live TV has been difficult. Services such as Hulu offer shows on a delayed basis, while apps from cable providers and TV channels often have a maze of restrictions.

The Slingbox tries to take the hassle out of remote live viewing. For the most part, as long as something can be viewed on the home TV, it can be viewed

on the app. Each Slingbox is attached to a personal account and password to allay piracy concerns.

Even so, Sling will have a tough time broadening its reach.

It works only with television channels you have at home, so it will exclude those who have dropped cable service and want more than what the antenna provides. At best, it's for college students who wish to remotely watch what's on their parents' TV.

In addition, Slingbox has been popular for sports fans wanting to keep up with their teams while traveling. Sling wants to broaden its appeal to those who keep up with fictional

television shows and reality-style competitions, but fewer people are watching those live.

Like the model it replaces, the SlingTV will retail for about \$300. Apps for phones and tablets will cost \$15 each. Remote viewing is free on personal computers. Existing Slingbox 500 users will get the features through free software upgrades when the SlingTV comes out in late August. Meanwhile, Sling is making a cheaper, entry-level model for \$150, starting July 20. Called Slingbox M1, this model lacks the new living-room guides and focuses on the remote viewing that Slingboxes have been known for. □



# US stocks mount strong rebound on earnings

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Investors jumped on a wave of strong corporate financial results Friday, propelling stocks higher for the third time in five days.

could escalate. Israel's launch of a ground offensive into Gaza also stoked geopolitical uncertainty. Those worries appeared to ease Friday, as world leaders called for an immedi-

earnings. "Typically when these events hit the news, it's kind of a sell-now, ask-questions-later moment, and then there is a reassessment, and that's exactly

basically got back to their normal business."

Signs of a rebound appeared early. The major stock indexes edged higher in premarket trading and demand for bonds waned, sending the yield on the 10-year Treasury note lower. Gold and oil prices also declined.

Strong earnings from several companies kept the market in positive territory after it opened. Investors drove up shares in Google, Honeywell International, furniture company Knoll and Huntington Bancshares, among others.

The Conference Board's latest index of leading indicators, designed to predict the economy's trajectory, stoked the market further. The index climbed in June for the fifth consecutive month. At the same time, investors brushed off a preliminary report showing consumer confidence dipped slightly.

The market built steadily on its gains throughout the day, reversing nearly all of the prior day's losses and putting all three major U.S. indexes into the green for the week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 20.10 points, or 1 percent, to 1,978.22. The Dow rose 123.37 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,100.18.



Argentina's Globant CTO Guibert Englebienne, left, mocks ringing a ceremonial bell, with CFO Alejandro Scannapieco, center, and CEO Martin Migoya, before their company's IPO began trading, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, July 18, 2014. Investors jumped on a wave of strong corporate financial results Friday, propelling stocks higher for the third time in five days. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The gains wiped out much of the market's losses from the day before, when the downing of a Malaysian Airlines passenger jet in eastern Ukraine stirred concerns that tensions between Russia and the West

ate cease-fire in the region and international attention turned toward the task of determining what led to the aircraft being shot down. Investors turned their attention to the latest encouraging company

what we had," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. "Today, the market focused again on earnings, which for the most part were good, surprising to the upside, and the markets just

## Alibaba said to have pushed its IPO back to September

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Since it first filed to go public two months ago, the Alibaba Group appeared to face few obstacles in its quest to go public. But Alibaba, the Chinese Internet giant, has decided that it is not worth sprinting toward its long-awaited initial public offering before the unofficial late-summer market slowdown. The company will instead price its offering sometime after Labor Day, people with knowledge of the matter said Thursday. The move came as little surprise. But it means that investors eager to buy a piece of Alibaba will have to wait another month.

A representative for Alibaba declined to comment.

Born of humble beginnings - Jack Ma, the company's chairman and co-founder, was an English teacher in China - Alibaba has grown to dominate the Chinese online shopping market. It has expanded beyond marketplaces into a dizzying array of businesses, like online payments, a money-market fund and ownership of a top Chinese soccer team.

And it has begun small incursions into the United States, through both an e-commerce startup and often sizable investments in other businesses. That had all driven intense interest in Alibaba by the time it filed for a public offering in early May. The stock sale is expected to raise as much as \$20 billion, and analysts estimate

that the market operator's net worth will soar to more than \$200 billion. That offering is expected to be one of the biggest ever held in the United States, potentially surpassing those held by Visa and Facebook.

Going public in August was always seen as an ambitious, though potentially achievable, target. Company executives and their armada of bankers at six investment banks had set Aug. 6 as a potential day to price the offering, with trading beginning the next day. That would have meant that trading by investors in its home market would have been on Aug. 8, or "8/8." The number eight is considered lucky in China. Coincidentally, eight in Chinese is "ba"

- and Alibaba's name happens to have two of those. But to hit that target, Alibaba would have had to begin its global road show to investors, a nonstop flurry of presentations to big institutional firms around the world, sometime next week. And for that to happen, certain other milestones needed to be reached that have not been reached yet. The Securities and Exchange Commission's review of the offering documents is not yet complete, though that has been going smoothly and has hit few snags, according to the people with knowledge of the matter. Most of the revisions that Alibaba has filed to its prospectus thus far have been fairly minor.

## STREET BRIEFS

### Electrolux says Q2 profit shoots up, sales down

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — Swedish home appliance maker Electrolux says improved demand in Europe and the United States boosted the company's second-quarter profit 27 percent to 815 million kronor (\$119 million) from 642 million kronor a year earlier. The world's second-largest appliance maker said Friday its sales fell slightly in the April to June period to 26.3 billion kronor from 27.7 billion a year earlier. Pick-up in the European and U.S. markets was offset by weak development in Latin America and the Middle East for the company, which sells appliances such as refrigerators and washing machines under brands including AEG and Zanussi. Electrolux said this year it expects market growth of 1-3 percent in Europe, which represents roughly one-third of its revenue, while the U.S. market is expected to increase by around 4 percent.

### Volvo sees Q2 profit up 21% sales fall flat

**STOCKHOLM (AP)** — Swedish truck maker AB Volvo says profit in the second quarter jumped 21 percent on the back of cost savings, efficiency schemes and streamlined production. Net profit in the April to June period jumped to 2.5 billion kronor (\$365 million) from 2.1 billion a year earlier. Sales were marginally down at 72.6 billion kronor compared with 72.8 billion kronor the same period last year. CEO Olof Persson said in a statement Friday that truck sales have developed particularly well in North America and Japan with increased market shares during the quarter, but that was offset by declines in South American and the sluggish European market. He said ongoing restructuring schemes and an efficiency program launched last year are working as planned for the Goteborg-based company.



# GE 2Q profit jumps 13 pct on aviation, oil and gas

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — General Electric's net income rose 13 percent in the second quarter on strong performance from its aviation and oil and gas divisions. The company said orders, especially those in developing countries, were strong and that the global economic environment continues to be positive. GE also said that its previously announced plan to spin off its credit card business with an initial public offering is targeted for late July. GE said it plans to sell 15 percent of the company, to be called Synchrony Financial, and raise \$3.1 billion in the process. That values all of Synchrony at \$20.7 billion.

GE, based in Fairfield, Connecticut, is working to become a more focused industrial conglomerate by shedding divisions such as NBC Universal, real estate and some banking operations.

Second-quarter profit increased to \$3.55 billion, or

35 cents per share, from \$3.13 billion, or 30 cents per share, in the same quarter a year ago.

analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. Revenue climbed 3.2 percent to \$36.23 billion from

— which excludes revenue from the finance division that the company is trying to shrink — rose 7 percent

medical equipment and oil and gas drilling equipment, rose 9 percent for the quarter. Oil and gas profit rose 25 percent and aviation profit rose 12 percent, though transportation fell 14 percent.

Christian Mayes, an analyst at Edward Jones, said the strong performance of the industrial divisions is what investors were hoping to see. "They are moving in the right direction," he said.

GE said that its \$17 billion offer for the energy operations of France's Alstom, which was approved by Alstom's board and the French government in June, remains on track to close next year.

GE shares rose 17 cents in trading an hour before the market opened Friday. GE shares have dropped \$1.42, or 5.1 percent, to \$26.61 since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has risen 5.9 percent. However, the stock has risen \$2.98, or 13 percent, in the last 12 months. □



**This photo shows the General Electric plant in Belfort, eastern France. General Electric's net income rose 13 percent in the second quarter on strong performance from its aviation and oil and gas divisions, the company said Friday, July 18, 2014.**  
(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

Earnings, adjusted for non-recurring costs and to account for discontinued operations, were 39 cents per share, matching the average per-share estimate of

\$35.12 billion in the same quarter a year ago. Analysts expected \$36.26 billion, according to Zacks. But revenue from the company's industrial segment

in the quarter compared with last year.

Profit from industrial divisions, those that manufacture locomotives, aircraft engines, gas turbines,

## AbbVie, Shire agree on strategic \$55B combination

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The drugmaker AbbVie has reached a deal worth roughly \$55 billion to combine with British counterpart Shire and become the latest U.S. company to seek an overseas haven from corporate income tax rates back home.

The companies said Friday that Shire shareholders will receive cash and stock valued at about 53.19 pounds (\$91.07) for each of their shares. They will control about 25 percent of a new company created as part of the deal. AbbVie shareholders will hold the remaining 75 percent. That new company will be incorporated on the British island of Jersey, where Shire currently is headquartered.

U.S.-based multi-national companies looking to grow through acquisitions have been searching more fervently in recent years for these overseas combina-

tions known as inversions. But the deals are drawing growing concern from President Barack Obama and members of Congress because they can cost the United States billions of dol-

earned overseas and then brought home. That causes some companies to park millions of dollars in overseas accounts. AbbVie said Friday it expects a tax rate of about

to its global cash flows." AbbVie has said the new tax rate would represent a drop from its current rate of roughly 22 percent.

Inversions can take place if shareholders of the foreign entity involved retain more than a 20 percent ownership in the newly merged business. Legally, the foreign company might acquire the U.S. business or the two create a new entity. But the U.S. company often maintains both its corporate headquarters and control of the company.

This overseas move has grown more common among health care companies. Last month, U.S. medical device maker Medtronic Inc. said that it had agreed to buy Ireland-based competitor Covidien for \$42.9 billion in cash and stock. The combined company would have executive offices in Ireland, which has a 12.5 percent corporate income

tax rate.

The largest drugstore chain in the United States, Walgreen Co., also is considering a similar move with Swiss health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots. Walgreen bought a 45 percent stake in Alliance Boots a few years ago and has an option to buy the rest of the company.

AbbVie, which makes the blockbuster anti-inflammatory drug Humira, had made several unsolicited takeover bids for Shire before the two companies started talking about a possible deal earlier this month. Shire makes the attention deficit hyperactivity disorder medication Vyvanse as well as rare disease and gastrointestinal treatments.

Shire said Friday its board recommends that shareholders vote for the latest offer, and the deal will create "a well-positioned and focused specialty biopharmaceutical company." □



**This photo shows tablets of HIV drug Kaletra, an AbbVie Inc. product, in a Chicago pharmacy. Drugmakers AbbVie and Shire have entered detailed talks about a possible combination after AbbVie raised its bid once again and offered to give Shire shareholders a bigger stake in the resulting company, Shire said Monday, July 14, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

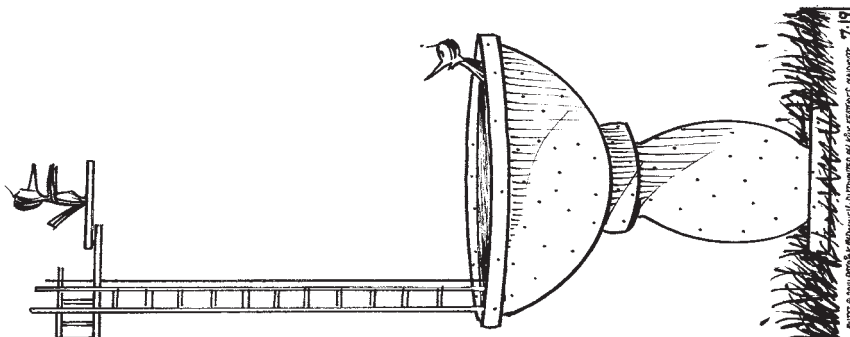
lars in tax revenue.

At 35 percent, the United States has the highest corporate income tax rate in the industrialized world, and it also taxes income

13 percent by 2016 for the new company created in the deal. A statement from the drugmakers also said the deal gives the resulting company "flexible access



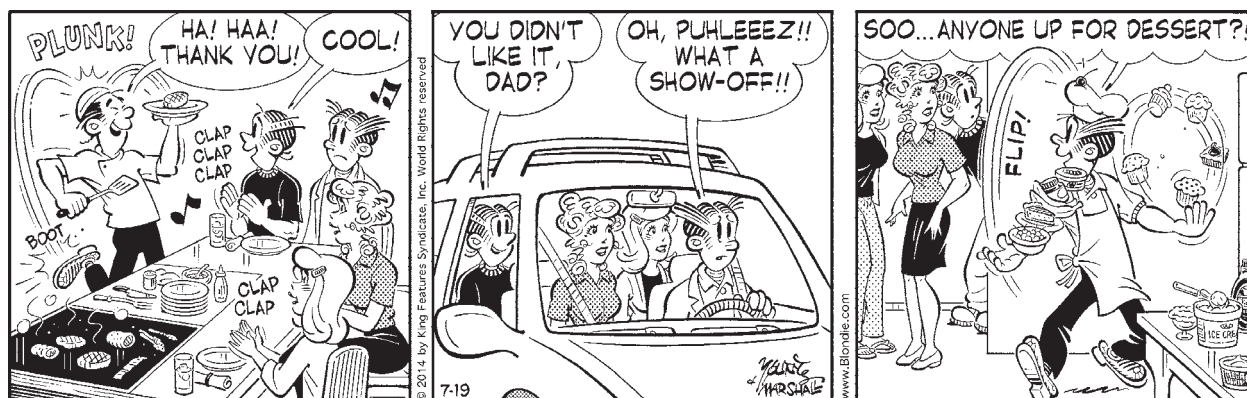
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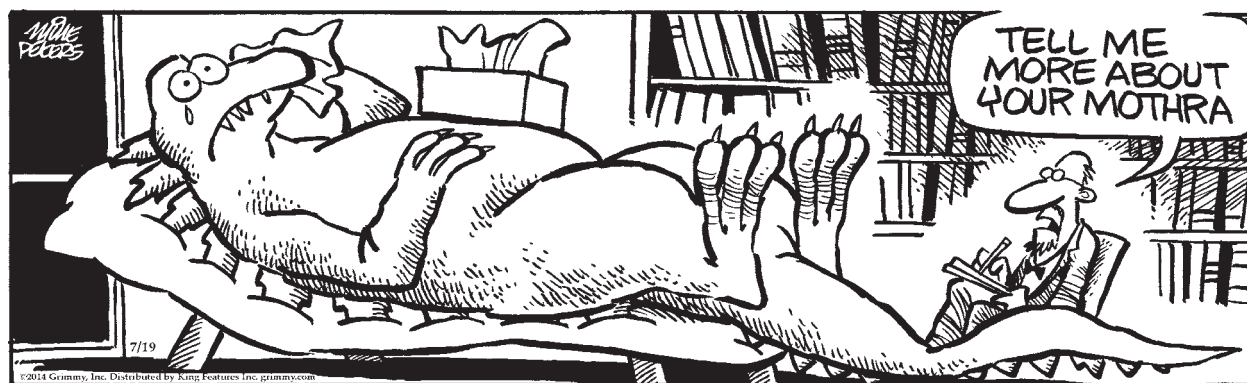
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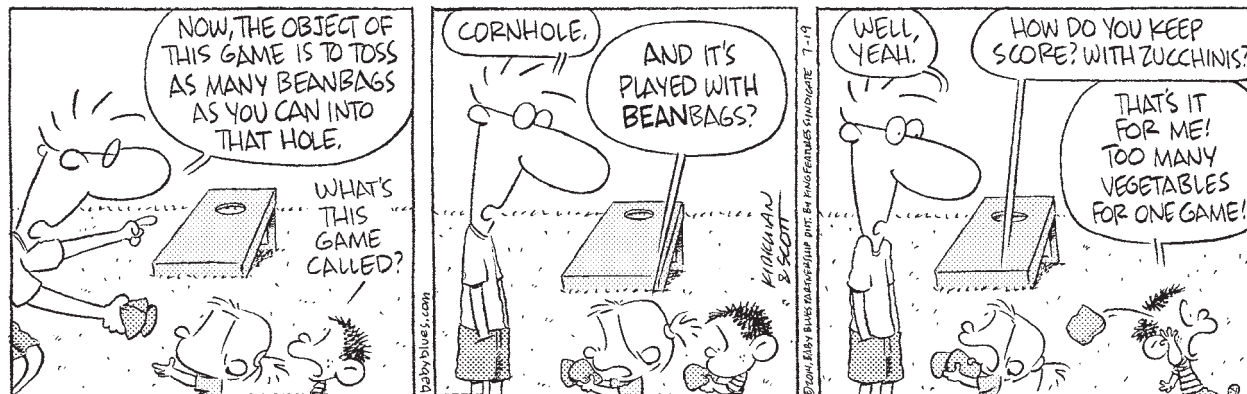
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Scottish caps
- 5 Peaks
- 10 Apple's center
- 14 Judge's official document
- 15 Passed out cards
- 16 Middle \_\_; historical period
- 17 Unit of land
- 18 Bury
- 19 Get ready, for short
- 20 Frozen dessert
- 22 In an unclear way
- 24 Debtor's note
- 25 Fend off
- 26 Cuddly-looking marsupial
- 29 Bic product
- 30 Approaches
- 34 "Ticket to \_\_"; Beatles song
- 35 Soothing drink
- 36 Gasoline, to a Brit
- 37 Ancient
- 38 Sandy shores
- 40 Recolor
- 41 Required
- 43 Take more than one's share of
- 44 Cargo
- 45 Deadly snake
- 46 Notice
- 47 Young misses
- 48 Assumed name
- 50 Tavern
- 51 Pupil
- 54 Souvenir
- 58 Easy stride
- 59 Sea duck with soft down
- 61 Reddish animal
- 62 Element whose symbol is Fe
- 63 Practical joke
- 64 Doing nothing
- 65 Puts on
- 66 Stuffed bear
- 67 Inquires

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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

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ROUNDA	ABOUT	VISA													
MAMA	DENSE	OVEN													
SPAS	STEED	WEDS													

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**DOWN**

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- 2 Part of the foot
- 3 Deep wet mud
- 4 Germ-free
- 5 "Bye, Pierre!"
- 6 Penny
- 7 Floor pad
- 8 Five and six
- 9 Purse part
- 10 Juliet's last name
- 11 Meanie
- 12 Become dizzy
- 13 Catch sight of
- 21 Feathery scarf
- 23 Autry & Wilder
- 25 Gets through to
- 26 Swedish dollar
- 27 Lubricated
- 28 \_\_ together; combined
- 29 Split \_\_ soup
- 31 Passion
- 32 Fit for a king
- 33 Toboggans
- 35 Media mogul
- 36 Nickname for Margaret
- 38 TV's Milton \_\_

- 39 Garden tool
- 42 Benumbs easily
- 44 African nation
- 46 Contemptuous writing
- 47 Bazooka bubble \_\_
- 49 Bumbling
- 50 Lively; spirited
- 51 Went down
- 52 Spanish bull
- 53 Sitting \_\_; atop
- 54 Repair
- 55 Assents silently
- 56 Discussion
- 57 Dollar bills
- 60 Family man



# Obama opens East Coast to oil search

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"You can't see the oil and gas, but you can see the structures in the earth that might hold oil and gas."

The surveys can have other benefits, including mapping habitats for marine life, identifying solid under-sea flooring for wind energy turbines, and locating spots where sand can be collected for beach restoration.

But fossil fuel mostly funds this research, which produces data held as energy company secrets and disclosed only to the government.

The bureau estimates that 4.72 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 37.51 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas lies beneath federal waters from Florida to Maine. Oil lobbyists say opening it to drilling could generate \$195 billion in investment and spending between 2017 and 2035, creating thousands of jobs and contributing \$23.5 billion per year to the economy. These estimates describe the total amount of energy "technically recoverable" from the outer continental shelf, which includes the seabed off New Jersey, New York and New England. But the north Atlantic zone remains off limits for now, apparently

for political reasons. While some states have passed drilling bans, Virginia and the Carolinas requested the seismic surveys in an effort to grow their economies, bureau officials said Friday.

The sonic cannons are often fired continually for weeks or months, and multiple mapping projects may operate simultaneously. To get permits for this work, companies will need whale-spotting observers onboard, and undersea acoustic tests will be required before each mapping trip. Certain habitats will be closed during birthing or feeding seasons.

Still, the constant banging — which water amplifies by orders of magnitude — poses unavoidable dangers for marine life. Whales and dolphins depend on being able to hear their own much less powerful echolocation to feed, communicate and keep in touch with their family groups across hundreds of miles. Scientists have documented cases in which whales and dolphins have washed up near seismic testing projects with shattered ear bones and signs of decompression sickness. More than 120,000 comments were sent to the government, which held hearings and spent years developing these rules. □

# Classifieds



## Marriott Aruba Surf

### Club

GOLD Season  
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Oceanview \$9k  
Oceanfront \$17k  
3 BEDRM OV \$17k  
PLATINUM Season  
Oceanview \$16k  
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Oceanfront \$27,500  
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Plat. Plus Holiday 51  
OV \$46k  
Plat. Plus NY 52 OV  
\$49k

## Marriott Aruba Ocean

### club

GOLD Season  
2B Ocean view \$9k  
2B Oceanfront \$14500  
1B Oceanfront \$8500  
PLATINUM Season  
2B oceanview \$18500  
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# Buzz Aldrin: Where were you when I walked on moon?

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — On July 20, 1969, Buzz Aldrin was “out of town” when the world united and rejoiced in a way never seen before or since. He and Neil Armstrong were on the moon.

They missed the whole celebration 45 years ago this Sunday. So did Michael Collins, orbiting solo around the moon in the mother ship.

Now, on this Apollo 11 milestone — just five years shy of the golden anniversary — Aldrin is asking everyone to remember where they were when he and Armstrong became the first humans to step onto another heavenly body, and to share their memories online.

Too young? You can also share how the moonwalkers inspired you.

Celebrities, public figures, and other astronauts and scientists are happily obliging with videos.

“What a day that was,” said actor Tom Hanks, sipping from an Apollo 11 commemorative cup. He starred in the 1995 film “Apollo 13,” another gripping moon story.

“Going to space is a big deal. Walking on the moon is, literally, walking on the moon,” said singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams, born four years afterward. And from London Mayor Boris Johnson, who watched the event unfold on a little black-and-white TV at an English farmhouse: “I knew immediately it was the most exciting thing that I’d ever seen. I was only 5 at the time. And it still is just about the most exciting thing I’ve ever



In this July 20, 1969 file photo provided by NASA shows astronaut Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin Jr. posing for a photograph beside the U.S. flag deployed on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission.

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seen.”

In all, 12 men explored the moon in six landings through 1972. But that first moonwalk, by Armstrong and Aldrin, is what clinched America’s place as space leader supreme following a string of crushing losses to the Soviet Union, which claimed title to first satellite, first space-man, first spaceman and first spacewalker.

“U.S. 1, Sputnik nothing,” actor Louis Gossett Jr. said with a laugh in his video. It’s the first big anniversary of man’s first moon landing without Armstrong, whose “one small step ... one giant leap” immortalized the moment.

Armstrong, long known for his reticence, died in 2012 at age 82.

As Apollo 11’s commander, Armstrong was first out the lunar module, Eagle, onto the dusty surface of Tranquility Base. Aldrin followed.

Collins, now 83, the command module pilot who

stayed behind in lunar orbit as the gatekeeper, also spent decades sidestepping the spotlight. He’s making an exception for the 45th anniversary — he plans to take part in a NASA ceremony at Kennedy Space Center on Monday to add Armstrong’s name to the historic Operations and Checkout Building. That leaves Aldrin, 84, as the perennial spokesman for Apollo 11. He will also be at Monday’s ceremony.

“I consider myself a global statesman for space,” Aldrin says in a YouTube video. “So I spend most of my time traveling the country and the world to remind people what NASA and our space program have accomplished, and what is still in our future at Mars. I feel we need to remind the world about the Apollo missions and that we can still do impossible things. “The whole world celebrated our moon landing. But we missed the whole thing because we were out of town. So now I invite you to share with me — and the world — your story or your family’s story of where you were on July 20th, 1969. Or feel free to tell me how the Apollo missions inspired you.”

Aldrin used to keep a little black book to list people’s whereabouts on July 20, 1969. Everyone wanted to share that with him.

Now he’s using social media and asking people to post a video to YouTube using the hashtag #Apollo45. And the stories are pouring in.

Peter Alyward, a self-professed space geek from Melbourne, Australia, recalls his parents waking him

to see the Saturn V launch from what then was called Cape Kennedy, Florida, on July 16, 1969 — 45 years ago Wednesday — around the middle of the night Down Under.

It’s the first major Apollo 11 anniversary — one divisible by five — that actually falls on the days of the week that the events occurred. Liftoff was, indeed, on a Wednesday, Eastern time; the moon landing was on a Sunday, Eastern time.

“More than any other time in history, with the technology that became available then, all the people of the world truly did experience it and were able to share it. Not just as an American feat, but as a really global event,” said Alyward, 56, a business developer for a software company.

Actor Tim Allen watched the moon landing from his boyhood Michigan home.

“To this day, it’s the most exciting thing in my life, just to think what you saw and what you experienced ... “ Allen said.

Some of videos urge a return to the moon. President Barack Obama scrapped that idea in 2010 in favor of sending astronauts to an asteroid and then Mars. □

## Mexico reports 1st litter of wolf cubs in the wild

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The first known litter of Mexican gray wolves has been born in the wild as part of a three-year effort to re-introduce the subspecies to a habitat where it disappeared three decades ago, Mexican officials reported Thursday.

Mexico’s National Commission for Natural Protected Areas said the wolf pups were sighted in June by a team of researchers in the western Sierra Madre mountains.

“This first litter represents an important step in the recovery program, because these will be individuals that have never had contact with human beings, as wolves bred in captivity

inevitably do,” the commission said in a statement.

It said the pups appeared to be doing well.

Mexico began reintroducing wolves in 2011, and the parents of this litter had been released in December with hopes they would reproduce. Authorities seldom reveal the exact location of breeding pairs in recovery programs, to protect endangered species. The commission did not respond to requests about how many wolves now live in the wild in Mexico.

The Mexican gray wolf was almost wiped out in the U.S. Southwest by the same factors that eliminated it in Mexico: hunting, trapping

and poisoning.

The last five survivors in the U.S. were captured between 1977 and 1980, and then bred in captivity. The first wolves were re-introduced into the wild in the Southwest starting in 1998, mainly in Arizona and New Mexico.

The Mexican gray wolf remains an endangered species in the United States and Mexico.

But a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service annual survey released in January showed there are at least 83 of the endangered predators in Arizona and New Mexico, marking the fourth year in a row the population has increased. □



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This image released by Penguin Young Readers Group shows, from left, Malcolm Brickhouse, Alec Atkins and Jarad Dawkins of the teen metal band Unlocking the Truth.

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## Teen metal band plans book after Sony label deal

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The teen metal band Unlocking the Truth, which recently signed a multi-album deal with Sony, plans to release a book next year.

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, part of Penguin Group (USA), said Friday that it would publish a book written by the Brooklyn trio chronicling the group's "path to success." Unlocking the Truth is signed to the new label The Cherry Party, a division of Sony. The band played at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival this year and has opened for Guns N' Roses.

Unlocking the Truth includes 13-year-olds Malcolm Brickhouse and Alec Atkins and 12-year-old Jarad Dawkins. The announcement of the band's deal with Sony made headlines this week.

The upcoming book will be written with Charisse Jones, who co-wrote the memoir from American Ballet Theatre soloist Misty Copeland called "Life in Motion."

Unlocking the Truth is the first act on The Cherry Party label, started by Jolene Cherry, a former executive at Universal Music Group. The trio is currently working on their debut album.

The band is part of the

lineup for the 2014 Warped Tour. The group also will perform at the Heavy Montreal Festival next month, where headliners include Metallica and Slayer.

## Lady A moving at jetliner's pace in life, studio

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — The title for Lady Antebellum's forthcoming new album, "747," refers to a hook in the title song about how a commercial jetliner can't go fast enough for a man trying to reclaim his love. It's also a fitting analogy for the country trio's own super-sonic momentum over the last year.

Their last album was released just 14 months ago, a couple months before singer Hillary Scott gave birth to her daughter, Eisele. A deluxe version of the album came out November, and then they started writing new music while out on tour. Now, it just gets more complex as "747" is due out Sept. 30 — about the same time singer-guitarist Dave Haywood is expecting his first child.

"We are just so excited for the opportunity to just continue to build our career," Scott said as she was heading into the studio to put the finishing touches on the

ALICIA RANCILIO  
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**BEVERLY HILLS, California**

**(AP)** — Kevin Williamson says if you think his new CBS series, "Stalker," crosses a line, "change the channel."

He defended the show Thursday at the Television Critics Association summer press tour.

"Stalker" stars Dylan McDermott and Maggie Q as a pair of LAPD detectives investigating stalking cases.

Their work is based on the LAPD's Threat Management Unit, formed after the 1989 shooting death of actress Rebecca Schaeffer, who was killed by an obsessed fan on her doorstep. The idea came about after Williamson himself had an "overzealous fan" that broke into his home.

Williamson admits he's "sort

of ripping our stories from the headlines" but he's not trying to show "stylized violence." "Stalker" will also focus on McDermott and Q's character's personal issues. In the pilot, a man burns a woman alive in her car.

During the press panel, Williamson admitted the episode was especially scary, but joked he wanted the show to get picked up.

"This show is a hot button," said McDermott. "It's a very entertaining show and it's a scary show. Stalking is scary."

"Violence is really a by-product of the story we're telling," added Q.

Williamson argued the show comes at a time when oversharing on social media is commonplace.

"We have too much access to each other and we put ourselves out there in a way ... 'Here, look at



Kevin Williamson speaks on stage during the "Stalker" panel at the CBS 2014 Summer TCA held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday, July 17, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

my children,' 'here's what I had for dinner,' 'here's the plate of food' ... you're encouraging the obsessive mind to consume that and consume you."



This March 22, 2013 file photo shows members of Lady Antebellum, from left, Dave Haywood, Charles Kelley and Hillary Scott in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

record with Haywood and singer Charles Kelley. "And then also in our personal lives... our families are growing. That's the energy level we are in, in both personal and career."

For a fresh take and new ears, they turned to Taylor Swift producer Nathan Chapman. Scott said the band got famous for their softer, romantic songs like the crossover Grammy

Award-winning ballad "Need You Now" and the multiplatinum "Just A Kiss." But seeing the fans' reactions to their last two uptempo singles, "Compass" and "Bartender," both produced by Chapman, convinced them of the direction they needed to go.

"I know that once we released 'Compass' as a single, the energy that song brought to our career, to our live show, it was really evident that was something we needed more of," Scott said.

The band co-wrote about half of the 11-song album by taking songwriters out on the road with them, no easy feat for Scott, who also took her baby girl out on tour. And with another band baby on the way, Lady Antebellum just keeps picking up speed along the way.

"When people put their ear buds in to listen, we want it to come at you," Scott said. "We want you to feel that energy."



# Trent Reznor contemplates the future, the road

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**AP Music Writer**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** —

Trent Reznor is in a race with technology, from the way he presents his music to fans on the road to how he approaches his job as chief creative officer at Beats Electronics.

Reznor's Nine Inch Nails are preparing for a North American co-headlining tour with Soundgarden that starts Saturday in Las Vegas. It's the fourth leg of a yearlong tour for Reznor, and the 49-year-old singer has reinvented the show to offer Internet-savvy fans something new.

"This will be the fourth kind of radically different production we've pulled off this cycle, and it's been a pain in the ass frankly," Reznor said.

But the idea of doing the same thing "over and over for a whole year felt like it would be a little tedious for the audience, and probably would get old for us," he said. "So we came up with a strategy that might be more exciting for all parties involved."

Gone are earlier production elements, including



In this Jan. 16, 2011 file photo, Trent Reznor arrives for the Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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a unique and visually arresting lighting display during an arena run last year. They have been replaced

with a show designed to fit in more intimate amphitheatres with nothing hanging from the rafters.

Reznor even changed the number of musicians in his band to alter the vibe.

"Maybe nobody even notices," he said wryly, adding: "It's not bombast. It's not, 'Look at these technical things we can do.' It's not the explosions and fire or putting robots in space, overwhelming you with spectacle. It's surprisingly hard to be restrained in that area, I might add."

Reznor is also working on the score for "Gone Girl," the third film in his Oscar-winning collaboration with director David Fincher ("The Social Network"). In his role as composer, Reznor and writing partner Atticus Ross contribute ideas, and Fincher ultimately makes the choices. "It's kind of fun not to be the top of the pyramid," said Reznor, "and looking at somebody that I really respect and saying, 'How can I help?'"

He's taken a similar approach with Beats, the headphones and streaming company founded by Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine that was bought by Apple Inc. in May. Reznor said he joined the venture to cre-

ate an environment where artists wouldn't feel like they were being exploited in an age where music has lost its value.

"It kind of caught me by surprise," he said of the sale, "but I've had time to think about it. Always having had an immense amount of respect for Apple, it's a tremendous opportunity, and we can continue the mission that sort of fascinated me in the first place, which was to try to create a place where people can listen to music and actually elevate that experience. To be able to do it with the scope and scale of Apple, that keeps me interested very much."

He sees his role as something of a futurist and hopes to help create a platform that gives back to music some of the value it has lost. "Now everybody has access," he said. "I think it's opened up the space for a new way of listening to music that could consider that music isn't just digital aspects. It isn't files, it isn't data. There's magic in there and music deserves to be treated as the fine art that it is." □

# 'Treme' actor settling profiling suit vs. Macy's

**JENNIFER PELTZ**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A black actor who accused Macy's of racially profiling minorities as shoplifters is settling his civil rights lawsuit, one of several cases that drew attention last year to long-simmering complaints about how big retailers treat minority customers.

Rob Brown's case has been "settled in principle," Macy's Inc. said in a statement Friday; a federal judge also indicated in a filing Wednesday that an agreement was in the works. Macy's wouldn't discuss the terms, saying only that it values every customer and remains "committed to ensuring that every individual who steps into our store feels welcome and appreciated."

Brown's lawyers, Douglas

Wigdor and Nicholas Elefterakis, didn't immediately respond to inquiries.

Brown appears on the HBO drama series "Treme" and has acted in films such as "Coach Carter" and "Finding Forrester." He said he was falsely accused of credit card fraud at Macy's flagship store after buying a \$1,300 watch for his mother for her college graduation in June 2013.

Before being released — without any charges — he was handcuffed, held for almost an hour in a store detention cell and grilled about the watch by men who mocked the idea that he could afford it, according to his court complaint.

"I believe that I was profiled," Brown said last fall.

His lawsuit was among a series of complaints by black shoppers that spotlighted



This March 17, 2008 file photo shows actor Rob Brown "Stop-Loss" at the premiere of the film in Los Angeles.

Associated Press.

questions about security practices and profiling at Macy's and other major

retailers in the city. Years earlier, Macy's had paid a \$600,000 fine and promised

changes after the state attorney general made similar claims. □



## Where's the Oval Avatar?



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**WASHINGTON** - The White House likes to use a phrase of tingling adventure to describe the president's recent penchant for wandering the country talking to people: "The bear is loose."

There are three problems with this unbearable metaphor: Barack Obama is not in captivity, he's not a bear, and he's not loose. As Voltaire said of the Holy Roman Empire, it was "neither Holy, nor Roman, nor an empire."

When our whippetlike president travels on Air Force One from staged photo-op to staged photo-op and then to coinciding fundraiser to coinciding fundraiser, encased by the White House travel behemoth and press centipede, that's kind of the opposite of breaking loose.

Somehow, I thought that the tech revolution in campaigns would usher in fresh ways for presidents to communicate. In the age of Snapchat, I didn't think presidents would still be crisscrossing the country to do hokey snaps of chats.

As David Plouffe wrote in *The Wall Street Journal* last week, "With advancements in artificial intelligence, you could soon have holograms of presidential candidates at your door, interacting with you and asking and answering questions." He noted that Narendra Modi used holograms to extend his reach during his successful campaign to become the Indian prime minister. So where's the Oval Office holo-deck?

Besides the fact that the posed pictures end up on Twitter as well as in the paper, prescreened and sanitized political tableaux seem stuck in the 20th century. 44 does rallies and round tables and has Kabuki sit-downs with people in coffee joints just the same way 41 did.

In the sixth year of his presidency, the White House is still trying to cast Barack Obama as a regular guy, playing pool and drinking beer (even though he only took a few sips) in Denver with Gov. John Hickenlooper of Colorado. This, when the one thing we know, and that Obama wants us to know, is that he's no regular guy.

As Julie Hirschfeld Davis wrote in *The Times* on Tuesday, the president has been seeking out the intellectual, artistic and tech elite at private dinners around the globe.

"Sometimes stretching into the small hours of the morning, the dinners reflect a restless president weary of the obligations of the

White House and less concerned about the appearance of partying with the rich and celebrated," Davis wrote.

In Dallas last week, Obama did a short round table with Gov. Rick Perry of Texas on the border imbroglio followed by a barbecue DCCC fundraiser with five round tables of fat cats. Explaining why he was staying away from the heart-wrenching scene on the border, the president said, "This isn't theater. This is a problem," adding, "I'm not interested in photo-ops. I'm interested in solving a problem."

Yet, even as the world is roiling, the president's desk is clean. As he flees gridlock and a Boehner lawsuit in Washington, the best news for Democrats is that Republicans are talking impeachment. The Democrats can actually make money on that. Obama seems fixated on both the photo-ops he's doing and the ones he's not doing.

He didn't go to the LBJ play on Broadway and meet its Tony-winning star, Bryan Cranston, after Cranston suggested that if he went, he might learn some methods for getting his way with Congress. And the president doesn't want to be pictured on the border in shots that look as if he's welcoming children, many fleeing violence in Central America, who are illegally entering the country, even though Pope Francis has advised that "the humanitarian emergency requires, as a first urgent measure, these children be welcomed and protected." By now, Americans are so habituated to stagy things, it's hard to imagine that many people don't see the president's roving photo-ops as posed and theatrical.

But Plouffe, who helped devise Obama's technologically groundbreaking campaign, contends that such events are more important than ever because for younger people, if you don't have the visual with the words, it's almost as though it doesn't exist. "People like to see their president or their governor or their mayor out mixing it up in the community and not behind the ivory gates," he told me, adding that he could see a day when a campaign could have a candidate's hologram materialize in the kitchen of a swing voter in Lorain, Ohio, to talk education. "It's not going to be a 2016 thing," he said. "But it could be a 2020 or a 2024 thing."

(Microsoft's Jaron Lanier wags his finger that political avatars be saved for fundraising, where their algorithms could be fine-tuned to deliver individual, if hypocritical, pitches that would get the maximum donations.)

"My suspicion," Plouffe said, "is that unless the Republicans shed some of their intolerance, Hillary Clinton will get all the great tech talent."

The president's odysseys are meant to illustrate that he's still relevant. But do they actually underscore irrelevance by conveying his view that if Republicans in Congress are going to keep blocking him, he may as well go fishin'?



## Order Versus Disorder, Part 2



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I've argued for a while now that it is always useful to study the Israeli-Arab conflict because it is to the wider war of civilizations what off-Broadway is to Broadway. A lot of stuff starts there and then goes to Broadway.

So what's playing off-Broadway these days? The Israeli-Arab conflict has become a miniature of the most relevant divide in the world today: the divide between the "world of order" and the "world of disorder."

Israel faces nonstate actors in civilian clothes, armed with homemade rockets and drones, nested among civilians on four of its five borders: Sinai, Gaza, Lebanon and Syria. And what is most striking about this play is that the traditional means of bringing order seem ineffective. Israel, a mini-superpower, keeps pummeling the ragtag Islamist militias in Gaza with its modern air force, but the superempowered Palestinian militants, leveraging cheap high-tech tools, keep coming back with homemade rockets and even a homemade drone. You used to need a contract with Boeing to get a drone. Now you can make one in Gaza. What to do? For starters, it would be great if the big powers of the world of order - the United States, Russia, China, Japan, India and the European Union - were able to collaborate more in stemming the spread of the world of disorder. That is certainly necessary. But the prospects for that are limited. No power these days wants to lay hands on the world of disorder because all you win is a bill. And even if they did, it would not

be sufficient.

In my view, the only way Israel can truly curtail the Hamas rocket threat is if the Palestinians of Gaza demand that the rockets stop. Sure, Israel can inflict enough pain on all of Gaza to get a cease-fire, but it never lasts. The only sustainable way to do it is by Israel partnering with moderate Palestinians in the West Bank to build a thriving state there, so Gaza Palestinians wake up every day and say to the nihilistic Hamas: "We want what our West Bank cousins have." The only sustainable controls are those that come from within.

That is how the U.S. military defeated the earlier version of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, when the jihadists largely took over Iraq's Anbar province in 2006-07. The United States partnered with the Sunni Muslim tribal leaders who didn't want puritanical Islam, or their daughters to be forced to marry fundamentalists, or to give up their whiskey.

But we did not just arm them. We brokered an agreement of shared guns, shared power and shared values - about the future of Iraq - between those Sunni tribesmen and Iraq's ruling Shiite president, Nouri al-Maliki. That is what ended the jihadist disorder there in 2007.

And then what did al-Maliki do as soon as we left Iraq? He stopped paying the Sunni tribal militias and tried to arrest moderate Sunni politicians. Rather than building on the foundation we laid of power-sharing, al-Maliki uprooted it. That is why ISIL found it so easy to move in. Iraqi Sunnis weren't going to fight for al-Maliki's government. No trust, no power-sharing - no order.

Jewish settlers in Israel have done all they could to build more settlements and undermine Palestinian trust that Israel will ever share sufficient power for a West Bank Palestinian state to emerge. And the moderate, secular Palestinian leadership in the West Bank all too often has shown too little courage to compromise at

crunchtime. So no compelling West Bank alternative to Hamas' nihilism exists. Israel, the moderate Palestinians and al-Maliki all wasted the quiet of the past few years. And al-Maliki and Israel's leaders now insist on wiping out the military threats they face from radicals - before rebuilding or reconsidering any of the political alternatives that they themselves helped to scuttle. That won't work.

Patrick Doherty, author of "A New U.S. Grand Strategy" in *Foreign Policy* magazine, argues that if you look at the traditional responses to the world of disorder by both U.S. and other leaders, you notice that there are a lot of "controllers and disrupters but no builders. Our leaders were trained in the control tactics of the Cold War - aka 'crisis management.' So it's no surprise that we are using our power only to hedge risk and preserve a failing status quo. But now we need our leaders to be builders with enough foresight to shape a sustainable international order - and to support regional leaders committed to the same."

Control, notes Doherty, is surely better than chaos. But as we have seen with the controllers America has tended to adopt in Egypt, Iraq and Israel, their brand of control "tends toward stagnation and excesses, as power is concentrated to counter the forces of chaos."

When all the old means of top-down control are decreasingly available or increasingly expensive (in a world of strong people and strong technologies, being a strongman isn't what it used to be) leaders and their people are going to eventually have to embrace a new, more sustainable, source of order that emerges from the bottom up and is built on shared power, values and trust. Leadership will be about how to cultivate that kind of order. Yes, yes. I know that sounds impossibly hard. But when isolated Gazans can make their own drones, order doesn't come easy anymore.



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